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Author of the FLORA LONDINENSIS.

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- " No tree that is of count in greenewood growes,
- " From lowest Juniper to Cedar tail;
- " No flowre in field, that daintie odour throwes,
- " And deckes his branch with bloffomes over all,
- " But there was planted or grew naturall :"

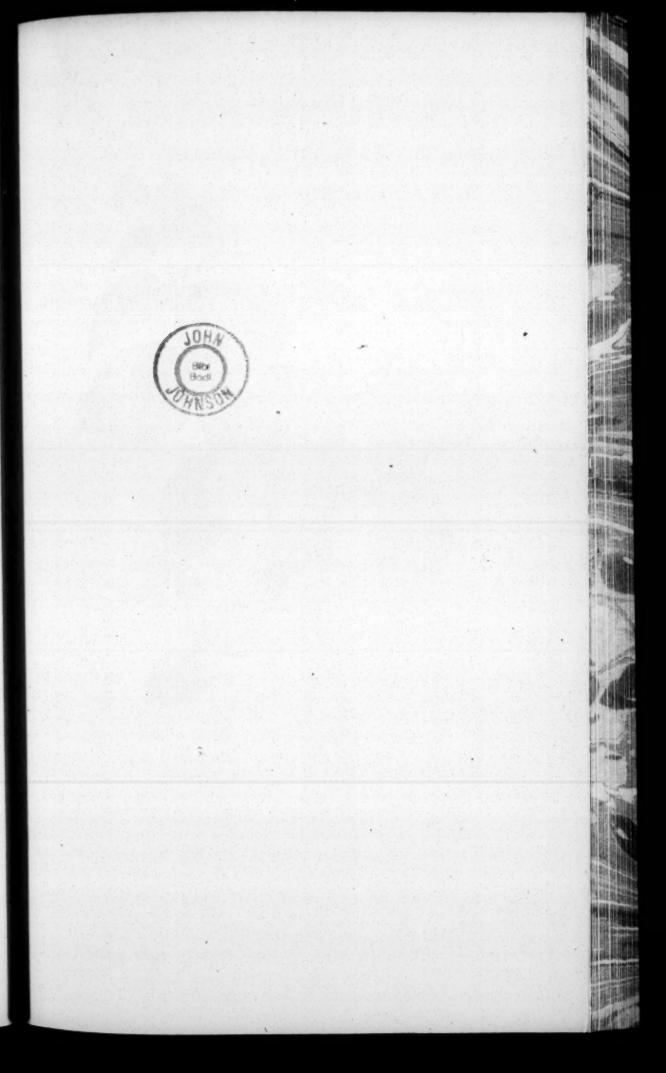
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PLATYLOBIUM FORMOSUM. LARGE-FLOWERED FLAT-PEA.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. campanulatus, quinquefidus, laciniis duabus supremis maximis, obtusis. Legumen pedicellatum compressum, dorso alatum, polyspermum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PLATYLOBIUM formosum foliis cordato-ovatis, germine piloso. Smith Linn. Trans. v. 2. 350. Bot. New Holl. tab. 6. Cheilococca apocynifolia. Salisb. Prod. 412.

All the plants of this family as yet known are natives of New Holland; the genus derives its name from the breadth of its pod or feed-veffel, and was established by Dr. Smith, in the second volume of the Transactions of the Linnæan Society, where the present species, the only one then known, is described under the name of Platylobium formosum, or Orange Flat-Pea; a figure of it has been since given by the same author, in the second number of a work, entitled The Zoology and Botany of New Holland.

The feeds of this plant having been among the first of those imported from Botany-Bay, seedlings have been raised, and the plants have grown up and flowered in most collections of greenhouse plants about town; an opportunity has been thus afforded of ascertaining its beauty, and it must be confessed there are sew papilionaceous slowers more handsome, the buds in particular are inexpressibly rich in colour, these are produced from June to August, but are rarely succeeded by ripe seeds in this country.

In raifing this species, recourse is generally had to foreign seeds, for cuttings are not easily struck; great difficulty also attends the rearing the seedlings, as they are very apt to go off when young, when they advance in fize they generally grow more freely; we have observed the plant to succeed very well with some, while others scarcely have been able to keep it alive.

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TRILLIUM ERECTUM. UPRIGHT TRILLIUM.

Class and Order.

HEXANDRIA TRIGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 3-phyllus. Cor. 3-petala. Bacca trilocularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

TRILLIUM erectum flore pedunculato erecto. Linn. Syft. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 349. Sp. Pl. ed. 2. p. 484.

SOLANUM triphyllon brafilianum. Baub. Pin. 167.

SOLANUM triphyllum canadense. Corn. Can. 166. t. 167.

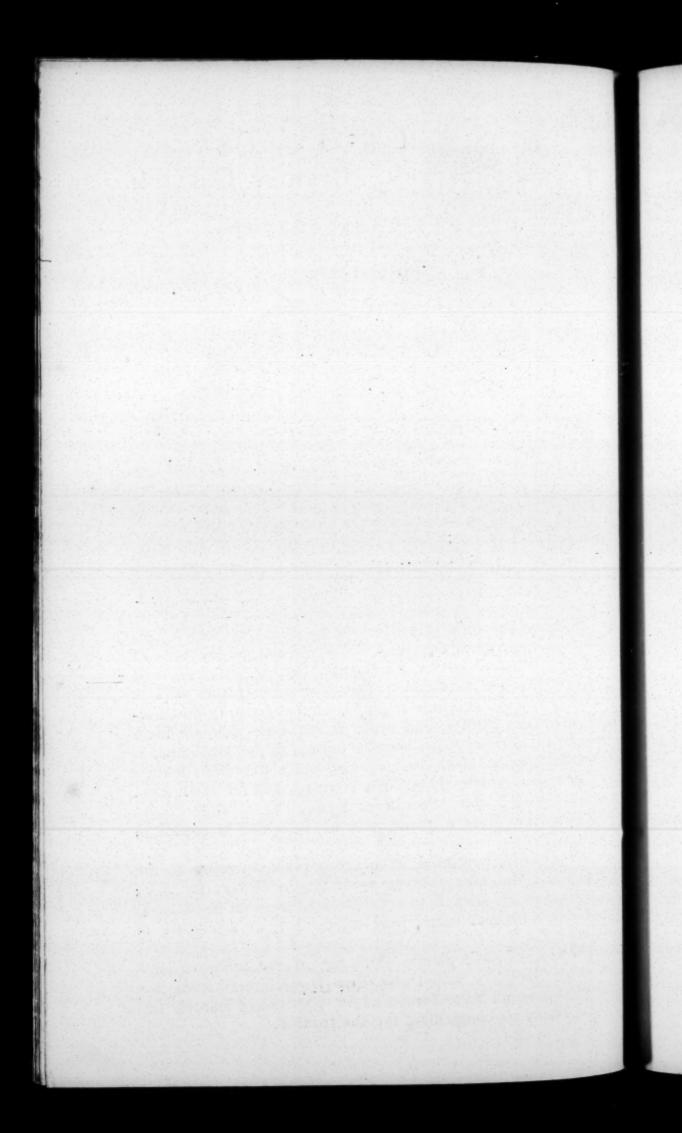
SOLANO congener triphyllum canadense. Morif. bist. 3. p. 532. s. 13. t. 3. f. 7.

Of this genus only three species have as yet been introduced into our gardens, viz. sessile, cernuum, and erectum, all natives of North-America, all collected by Mr. MILLER, and described in his dictionary: they are rare plants in this country, and will continue to be so, as they require much attention to their culture, and admit of but little increase from their roots; the Tr. sessile, already sigured in the Magazine, is the most common, the cernuum next, and the present species the most rare, which, though not mentioned in the Hort. Kewwwe have seen in the collection at Kew.

CORNUTUS gives a good figure of it, which is copied in MORISON.

It is a hardy, perennial, herbaceous plant, growing to the height of about nine inches, producing its flowers in May; it requires to be planted in a shady and somewhat moist fituation, either in peat earth, pure light loam, or a mixture of both.

The roots of these plants, which are of the tuberous kind, might no doubt be raised with care from foreign seeds, but the process would be tedious, and the plants have scarcely sufficient beauty to compensate for the trouble.





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ERICA MEDITERRANEA. MEDITERRANEAN HEATH.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inserta. Anibera apice 2-fida pertusa. Caps. 4-locularis, 4-valvis, polysperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

flylo exferto, foliis quaternis patentibus, floribus fparfis. Linn. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 370. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 24. Linn. Mant. p. 229.

ERICA maxima purpurafcens longioribus foliis. Baub. Pin. 485. ERICA foliis corios quaternis, flore purpurafcente. Baub. buft.

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ERICA corios folio. 11. Cluf. bift. 1. p. 42.

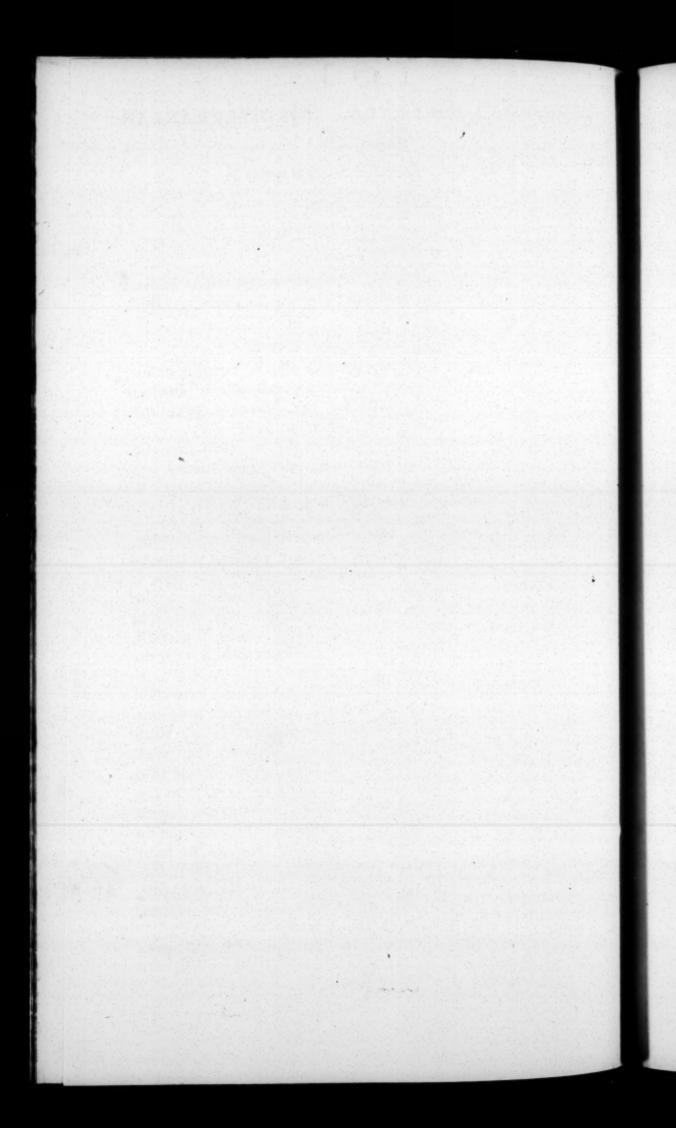
Though a native of the more fouthern parts of Europe, this species of Heath was unknown in our gardens till introduced by Mr. BROOKS*, so lately as about 1765; now it is one of the most common, and will long continue to be one of the most desirable; in a few years it acquires the height of sour or fix feet, is very upright and handsome in its growth, and from March to May its branches are loaded with a profu-

fion of lively bloffoms.

In our account of Erica berbacea, page 11, we expressed some doubts whether it and the mediterranea might not be one and the same species, as they accorded in many respects; from examining them more attentively, we are satisfied that they are perfectly distinct: the berbacea, if lest to itself, is low and spreading, the mediterranea tall and upright; the slowers in the mediterranea are shorter and more ovate, and have a degree of fragrance wanting in those of the berbacea; the silaments do not project so far, but the style farther; the berbacea blossoms at least a month earlier than the mediterranea; to these differences we may add, that the berbacea is perfectly hardy, while the mediterranea is liable to be killed in severe seasons, and is therefore usually kept in the greenhouse.

This species is easily struck from cuttings and easily pre-

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ALOE PERFOLIATA, var. SUCCOTRINA. SUCCOTRINE ALOE.

Class and Order.

HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. erecta, ore patulo, fundo nectarifero. Filam. receptaculo inferta.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ALOË perfoliata foliis caulinis dentatis amplexicaulibus vaginantibus, floribus corymbofis cernuis pedunculatis fubcylindricis, var. d Succotrina. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 466.

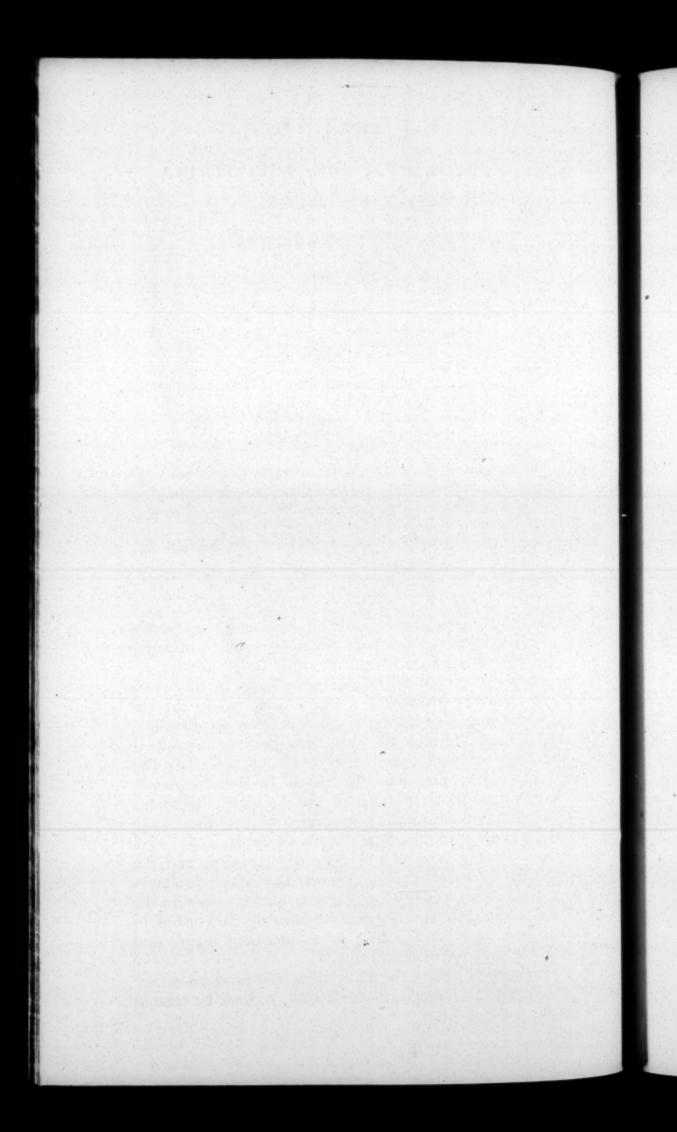
ALOË vera foliis longissimis et angustissimis marginibus spinosis, sloribus spicatis. Mill. Diet.

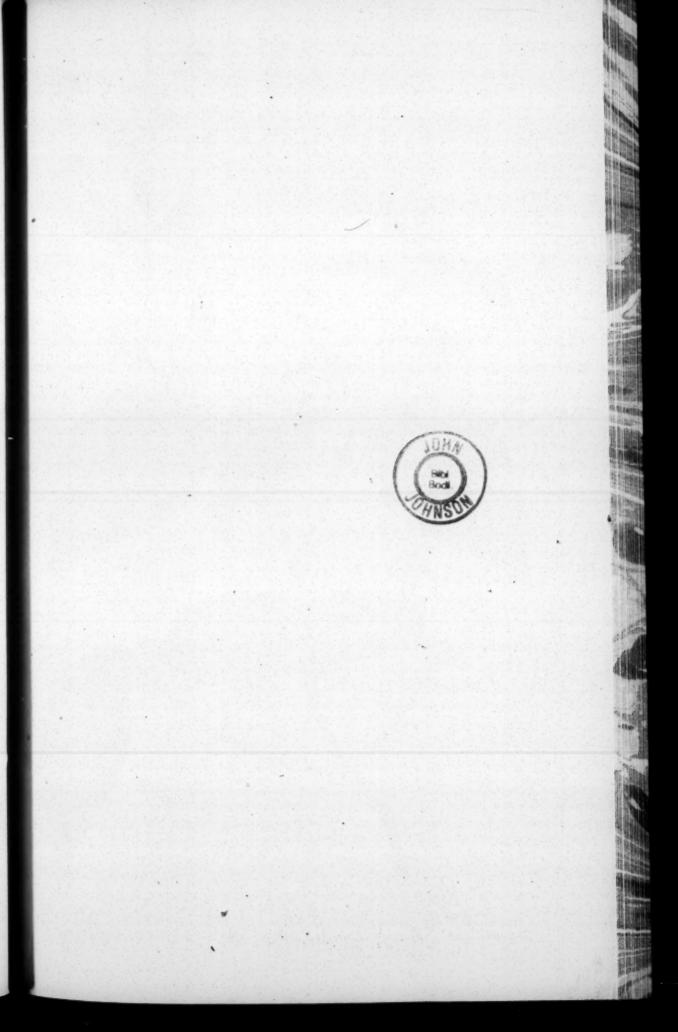
The figure here given was drawn in January 1799, from a plant in full bloom in the dry stove of the Apothecaries Garden at Chelsea; Mr. FAIRBAIRN informs me that it slowers regularly every year: the plant itself, supposed to be sifty years old, has a stem the thickness of one's arm, naked for the space of about four feet from the ground, then dividing into several large heads, formed of the leaves growing in clusters, from the centre of which arise the slowering-stems, two seet or more in length, producing spikes of slowers frequently much longer than those represented on the plate; these before they open are upright, when fully blown they hang down, and when out of bloom they turn upwards.

This undoubtedly is the Aloë vera of MILLER, and the perfoliata var. fuccotrina of Mr. AITON, that which produces the Succotrine Aloes of the shops, and is said to grow in the Island of Zocotra or Socotora, in the Straits of Babelmandel; it is therefore highly interesting as a medicinal plant, and

very defirable as an ornamental one.

Is propagated by offsets, which it does not produce in any great plenty, and to have it in perfection, it must be treated as a dry-stove plant.







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PLINIA PEDUNCULATA. PEDUNCULATED PLINIA.

Class and Order.

ICOSANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4. f. 5-partitus. Petala 4-5. Drupa supera, sulcata.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PLINIA pedunculata floribus tetrapetalis pedunculatis: staminibus receptaculo insertis, Linn. Mant. p. 243.

PLINIA pedunculata floribus pedunculatis polyandris. Linn. Suppl. 253. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 166.

MYRTUS brafiliana. Sp. Pl. 674. EUGENIA uniflora. Sp. Pl. 673.

PHILADELPHUS? arborescens foliis myrtinis, nitidis oppositis, ramulis gracilibus, pedunculis bipartitis alaribus. Brown Jam. 240. The Silver Tree.

The Plinia pedunculata, in its foliage and flowers, bears a great refemblance to some varieties of the Myrtle, of which genus Linneus, following others, at first made it a species; on this account it may be regarded, in a certain degree, as an ornamental plant, it is moreover a very rare one: its flowers yield a considerable fragrance, much like that of the Orange blossom.

It is a native of the Brazils, and also of Jamaica, according to Dr. Brown, and others: was cultivated here by Mr. MILLER, in 1759.

Our drawing was made January 18, 1799, from a plant in the tan stove of the Apothecaries Garden at Chelsea, which has been there a great number of years, and is now become a small tree, covered every year with a profusion of blossoms, which in some seasons have been followed by fruit.

The branches of this tree are flender, and covered with a light-coloured bark: the leaves ovate, opposite, firm, gloffy,

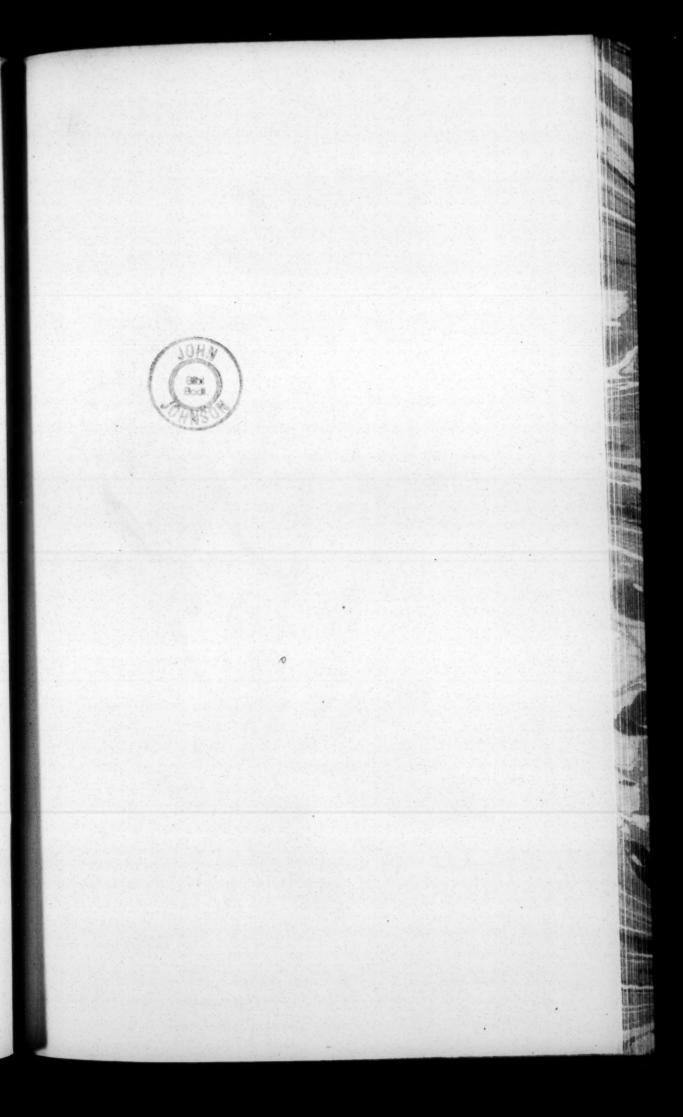
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entire, somewhat contracted near the point, which is obtuse, standing on short foot-stalks, and turning black: the slowers are placed on large footstalks, which usually come out in pairs: the Calyx is deeply divided into four segments, which quickly turn back: Petals four, white, scarce perceptibly edged with hairs, turning back with the calyx, and quickly salling: Stamina numerous, inserted into the base of the calyx, which forms a kind of square receptacle; these also soon fall off, leaving the calyx and style standing: Germen small, usually impersect.

Dr. Brown, in his History of Jamaica, says, "this little tree is frequent in the red hills, and remarkable for its flender branches and myrtle leaves; it is now commonly called Red-wood by the negroes, and is looked upon as a

" good timber wood, but it feldom grows above four or five

" inches in diameter."



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RHODORA CANADENSIS. CANADIAN RHODORA.



Class and Order.

DECANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-dentatus. Cor. 3-petala. Stam. declinata. Capf. 5-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

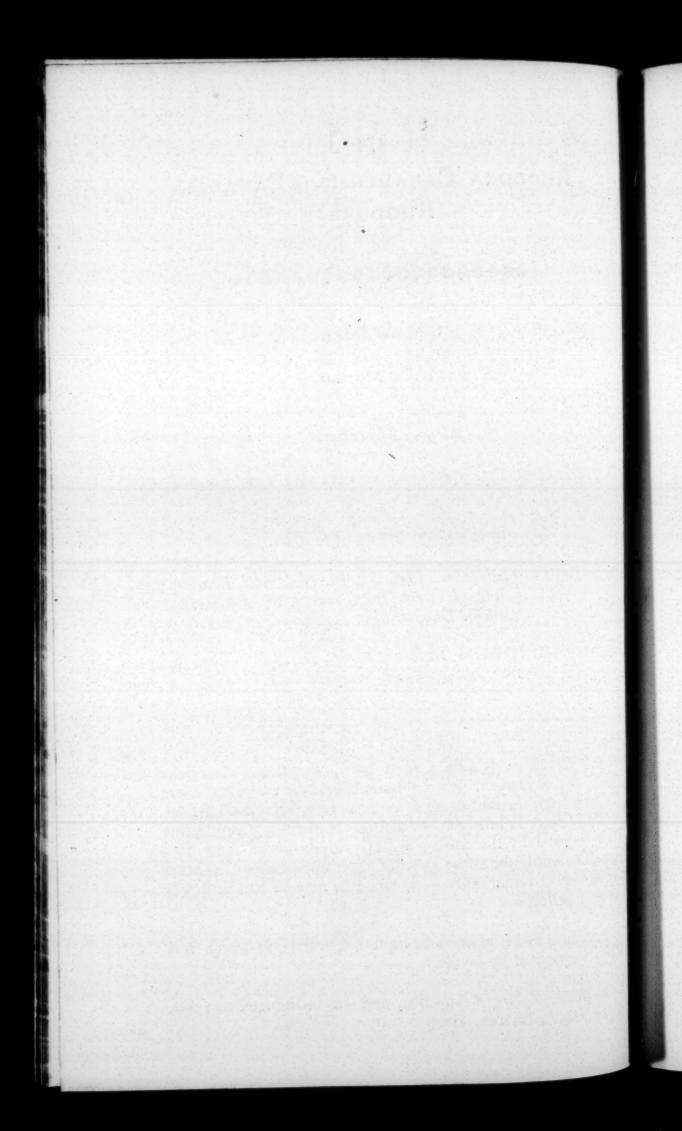
RHODORA canadensis. Linn. Sp. Pl. 561. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 66. L'Herit. Stirp. nov. t. 68. Chamærhododendros. Duham. Sem. app. 10. t. 27. f. 2.

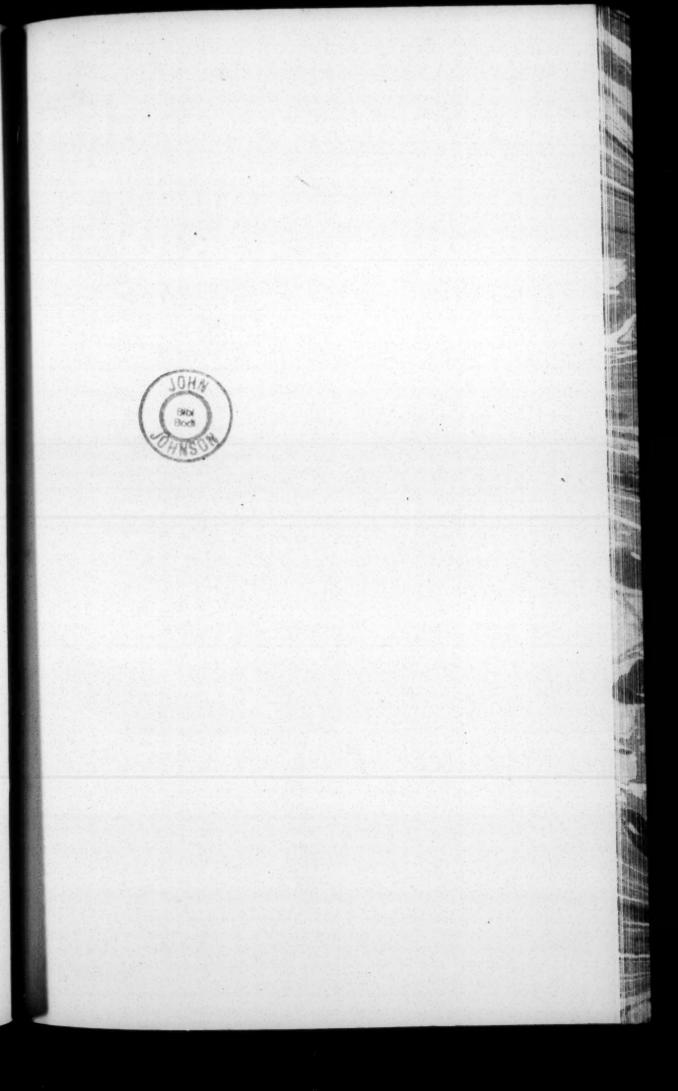
RHODODENDRUM Rhodora, corollis tripetalis. Linn. Syst. Nat. ed. 13. Gmel. p. 694.

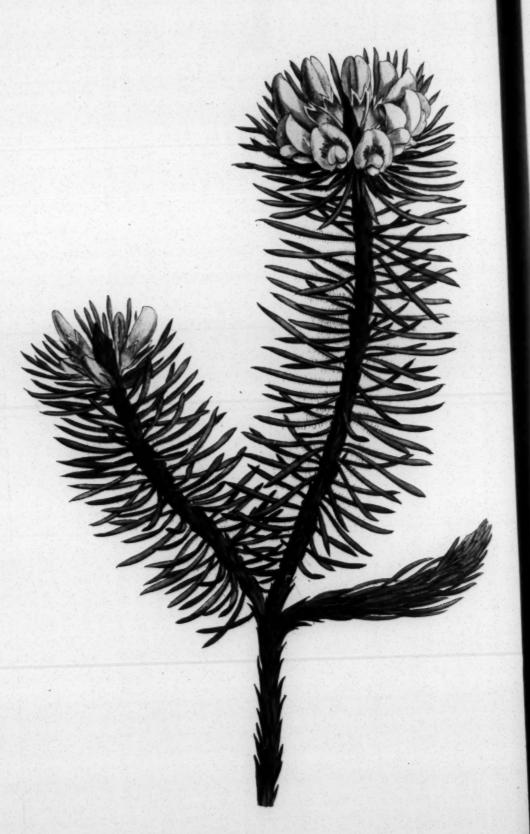
The Canadian Rhodora is a hardy deciduous American shrub, of low growth, and considerable beauty, and the more desirable from the earliness of its slowering, which occurs before the soliage is fully expanded; the blossoms are very liable to be injured by the cutting easterly winds which sometimes prevail in April, the usual time of their appearance; it bears gentle forcing remarkably well, and thus may be had to slower in great perfection.

It requires to be planted in light bog earth, in which it is freely propagated by layers.

Is a native of North-America, and was introduced in 1767, by Sir Joseph Banks, Bart.







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PULTENÆA STIPULARIS. SCALY PULTENÆA.



Class and Order.

DECANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. quinquedentatus, utrinque appendiculatus. Cor. papilionacea, alis vexillo brevioribus. Legumen uniloculare difpermum.

Specific Character.

PULTENÆA stipularis foliis linearibus mucronulatis subciliatis, stipulis solitariis binerviis laceris. Smith Bot. New-Holland, 1. 35.

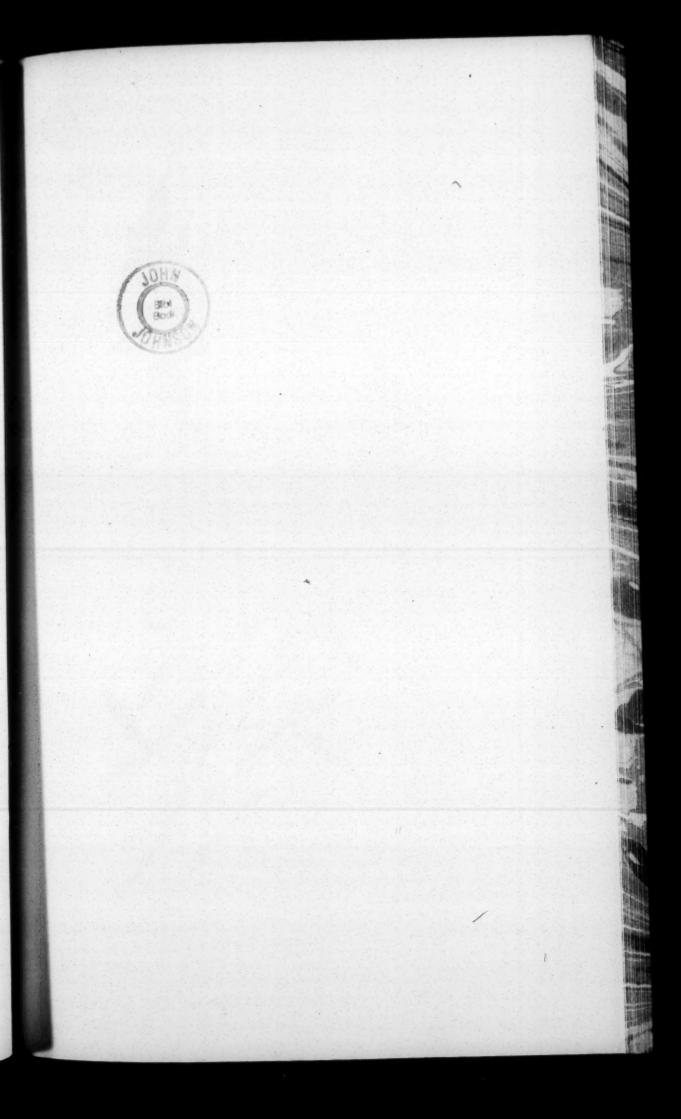
The name of *Pultenæa* has been given to this genus by Dr. I. E. Smith, in honour of Wm. Pulteney, M. D. of Blandford in Dorfetshire, whose various writings have so essentially contributed to the introduction and establishment of Linnean Botany in this country, and to the promotion of the useful arts connected with Botany, more especially Agriculture. It takes the name of *stipularis*, from its stalk being covered with scale-like stipulæ.

Seeds of this species having been introduced to this country with some of the first productions of New-Holland, the plant has slowered in several collections near town; we first saw it at Mr. BARR's, Nurseryman, Ball's-Pond, near Newington-Green. It is but seldom, however, that this species can be brought to blossom, or even be kept alive here for any length of time, if treated in the way that greenhouse plants usually are; possibly it would succeed better with a warmer regimen.

It flowers in April and May, and is to be raised only from

imported feed.





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INDIGOFERA PSORALOIDES. LONG-SPIKED INDIGO.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. patens. Cor. carina utrinque calcari subulato patulo. Le-

Specific Character and Synonyms.

INDIGOFERA pforaloides foliis ternatis lanceolatis, racemis longiffimis, leguminibus cernuis. Linn. Syft. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 677. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 67.

CYTYSUS psoraloides. Linn. Sp. Pl. 1043. CYTISUS africanus. Riv. Tetr. 71. f. 135.

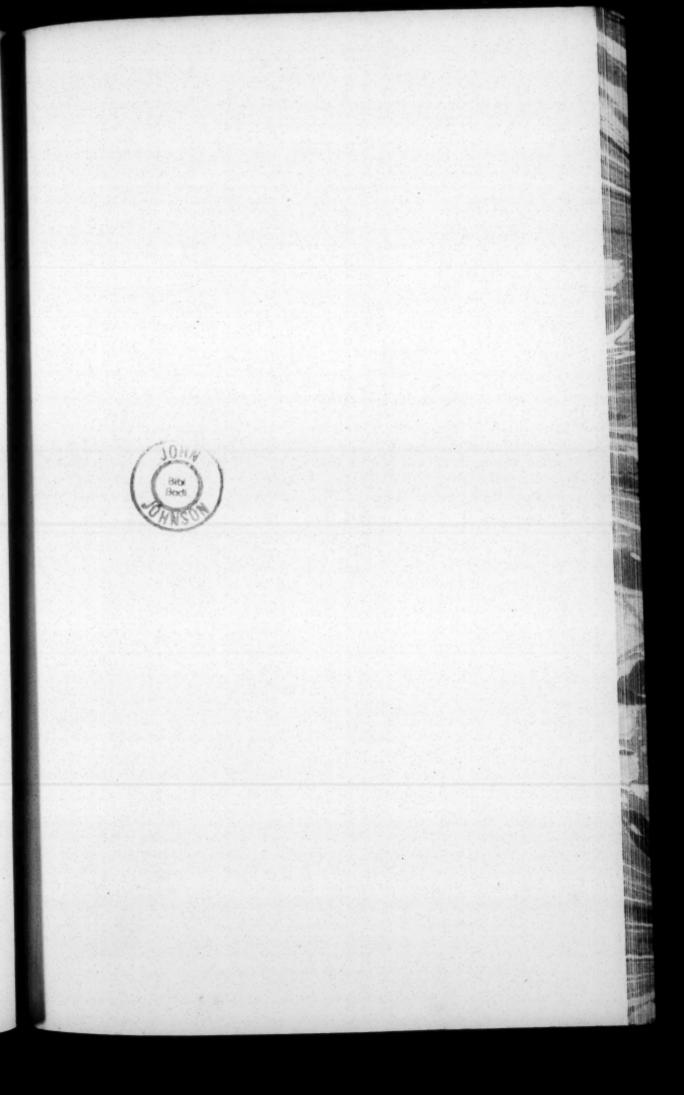
TRIFOLIUM æthiopicum ex alis spicatum. Pluk. Phyt. 320.

The plant here figured is the true Indigof. pforaloides of LINNEUS, a native of the Cape, and cultivated by Mr. MIL-LER, in 1758; there is another species somewhat similar to it, of much larger growth, and more recently introduced, frequently fold for it in the nurseries about town.

Though cultivated fo long fince in this country, the plant is far from common; it is of small growth: its slowers, produced from July to September, are of a lively purple colour, and usually succeeded by feeds, whereby the plant is increased, as also by cuttings.

Such as wish to see a minute description of it, may consult MURRAY's, viz. the 14th edit. of the Syst. Veg. Linn.

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PELARGONIUM CRASSICAULE. THICK-STALKED CRANE'S-BILL.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA HEPTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus: lacinia suprema definente in tubulum capillarem nectariferum secus pedunculum decurrentem. Cor. 5petala irregularis. Filam. 10 inæqualia quorum 3 (raro 5) castrata. Fructus 5-coccus, rostratus: rostra spiralia introrsum barbata.

Specific Character and Synonym.

PELARGONIUM crassicaule umbellis multisloris, foliis reniformibus obacuminatis, caule carnoso ramoso lævi. L'Herit. Geran. n. 77. t. 26. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 428.

Amidst that variety of appearance observable in the plants of this extensive family, several are distinguished by having stalks remarkably thick, and sleshy; from which circumstance the present species has been named by Mons. L'Heriter, the first describer of it, crassicaule; it is not less obviously distinguished by its singularly shaped plaited leaves of a silvery hue; its blossoms are white, with a few minute purple dots at the base of the petals, and, in the original species, not very beautiful, but in the variety here sigured, strikingly so; for the petals are not only of a considerable size, but on the middle of each there is a spot of the richest purple, which appearing on a ground of the purest white, produces the finest imaginable effect.

The Pelargonium crassicaule was first discovered by Mr. ANT. Hove, on the south-west coast of Africa, and was introduced to the Royal Garden at Kew* in 1786; the variety here figured was first possessed by Messrs. Grimwood and Co. Kensington.

It requires a drier and warmer fituation than the green-house usually affords; slowers in June and July, is of slow growth, and propagated by cuttings, but with difficulty; it rarely ripens its seeds, and if it were raised from them, the same beautiful variety might not be produced.

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PHLOMIS LEONURUS. LION'S-TAIL PHLOMIS.

Class and Order.

DIDYNAMIA GYMNOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. angulatus. Cor. labium fuperius incumbens compressum villosum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

PHLOMIS Leonurus foliis lanceolatis ferratis calycibus decagonis decemdentatis muticis, caule fruticofo. Linn. Syft. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 540. Mant. 412. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 309.

STACHYS africana frutescens angustifolia slore longissimo phæniceo Leonurus dicta. Moris. Hist. 3. p. 383.

J. 11. t. 19. f. 17. LEONURUS Capitis bonæ spei. Breyn Cent. 171. t. 86. LEONURUS africana. Mill. Diet.

Descr. Rifes with a shrubby stalk seven or eight seet high, sending out several sour-cornered branches garnished with oblong narrow leaves, acutely indented on their edges, hairy on their upper, and veined on their under side, standing opposite; the slowers are produced in whorls, each of the branches having two or three of these whorls toward their ends; they are of the labiate kind, shaped somewhat like those of the deadnettle, but are much longer and covered with short hairs; they are of a golden scarlet colour, so make a sine appearance: the slowers commonly appear in October and November, and sometimes continue till the middle of December, but are not succeeded by seeds here.

Is propagated by cuttings, which if planted the beginning of July, after the plants have been exposed to the open air long enough to harden, will take root very freely; when they have taken root, each cutting is to be planted in a separate pot filled with soft loamy earth and treated as a greenhouse plant, taking care to give it plenty of water in dry weather.

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It is a native of the Cape and other parts of Africa; was cultivated in Chelsea garden in 1712. Ait Kew.

LINN EUS remarks in his Mantissa, that it is the most shewy of the genus.

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GEROPOGON GLABRUM. SMOOTH GERO-POGON, Or OLD-MAN'S-BEARD.

Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA ÆQUALIS.

Generic Character.

Recept. setoso-paleaceum. Cal. simplex. Sem. disci pappo plumoso; radii 5-aristato.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

GEROPOGON glabrum foliis glabris. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 2. P. 1109. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 110.
TRAGOPOGON gramineo folio, glabrum, flore dilute incarnato. Raii Suppl. 149.

Most Botanists have seen, and are acquainted with, the Tragopogon, few have had an opportunity of observing the Geropogon, which is here introduced more on account of its being a rare and curious than an ornamental plant.

It is an annual, rifing with a fmooth stem and leaves to about the height of a foot, its flowers are flesh-coloured, and expand only when the fun shines on them; they are quickly followed by feeds, deferving of notice for their structure, and as forming the chief distinction betwixt it and the Tragopogon.

Is a native of Italy, flowers in July and August, and was

No difficulty attends its culture; its feeds, which must be timely gathered when ripe, should be sown in the spring where it is intended that the plants shall flower.

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ERICA PUBESCENS. DOWNY-FLOWERED HEATH.

Class and Order.
OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inferta. Antheræ apice bifidæ pertusæ. Caps. 4-locularis, 4-valvis, polysperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ERICA pubescens antheris bisidis inclusis, corollis subovatis pubescentibus, foliis quaternis linearibus hispidis. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 2. p. 506.

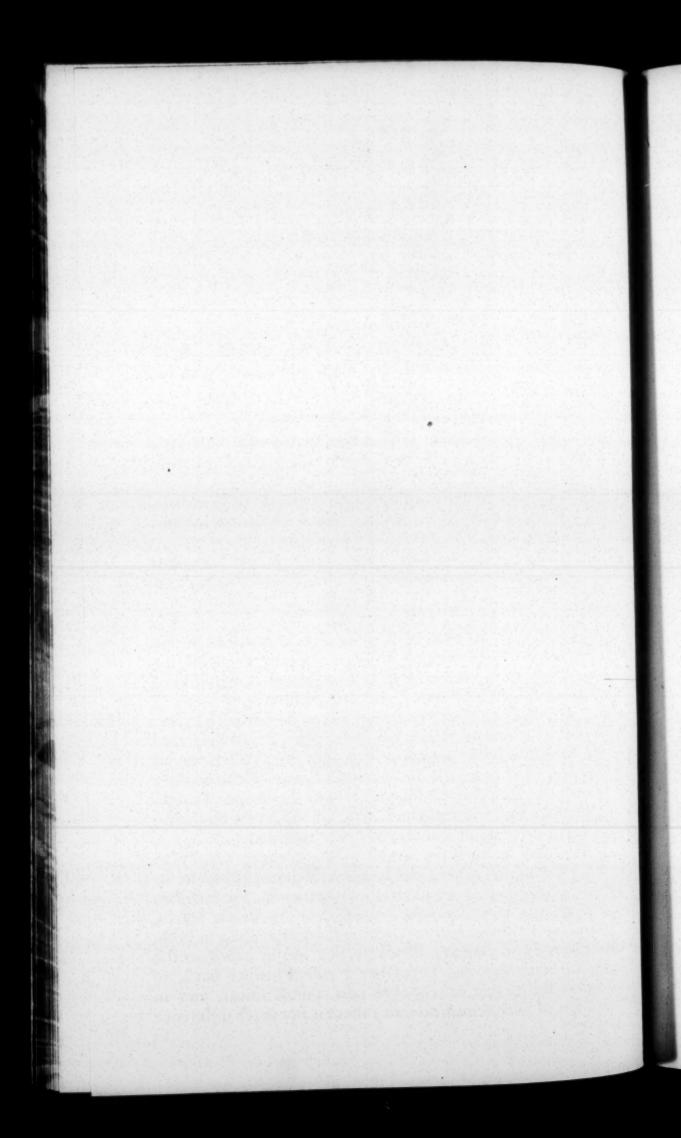
ERICA pubescens antheris aristatis, corollis ovatis, stylo incluso, foliis quaternis scabris, sloribus sessilibus lateralibus.

Linn. Syst. Veg. Murr. ed. 14. p. 365.

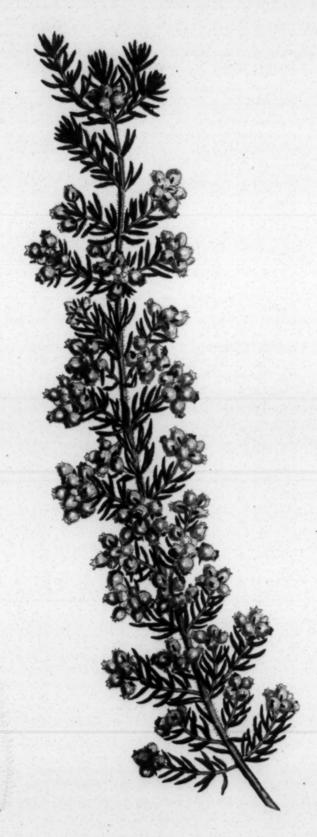
ERICA pubescens aristata foliis ternis quaternisque linearibus scabris sloribus umbellatis villosis. Thunb. Prodr. p. 73.

There are two Heaths very generally cultivated in the nurseries about town, agreeing in many respects, but differing in fize and hairiness, which have been regarded as varieties of each other and called by wrong and inexpressive names; to us they appear, on an accurate examination, to be distinct species: the better to elucidate them, we have figured and described them both in the same number, regarding the smaller one as the pubescens of Linneus, its hairiness being of the slighter kind, the other as a distinct species, under the name of birtissora, from the superior roughness of the hairs on its blossoms; the Linnean description will indeed apply to either.

The birtistora is much the largest plant, growing usually to twice the size of the other, and is as much distinguished by its bushy as the pubescens is by its twiggy appearance; the birtistora is in all its parts more strongly haired, both in stalks, leaves, and slowers; the form of the leaves is somewhat alike in both, convex above and concave beneath; but in the pubescens the leaves are narrower, the edges being rolled surther back, so as to make the cavity or concave part almost linear, and to form a sort of solium canaliculatum; there is not much difference







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ERICA HIRTIFLORA. ROUGH-FLOWERED HEATH.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inferta.

Antheræ apice bifidæ pertufæ. Capf. 4-locularis, 4-valvis, polysperma.

Specific Character.

ERICA birtiflora antheris bifidis inclusis, corollis subovatis hirtis, foliis quaternis linearibus hispidis, marginibus ciliatis.

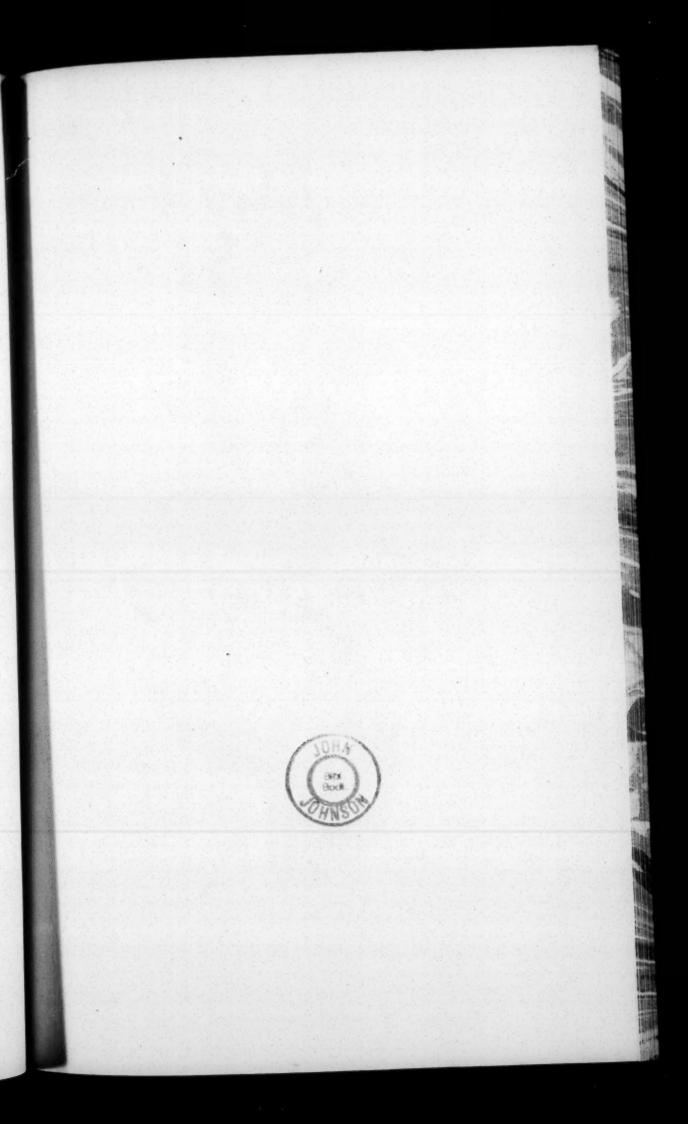
in the general hairiness of the leaves, excepting that the hairs in the birtistora are stronger and more numerous, while in the pubescens they form more of a tust at the extremity; but there is a very curious and striking difference in the hairs on the underside of the leaves, in the birtistora the edges are ciliated or fringed with a row of finer hairs, pointing inwards, which are altogether wanting or scarcely visible in pubescens; there is not much difference in the fructification, the slowers of birtistora are at least one-fourth larger than in those of pubescens, and the horns of the antheræ are more strongly haired: the glands at the base of the stamina, of a reddish colour, are very visible in the pubescens.

Both these species, natives of the Cape and recently introduced, slower from the autumnal to the spring months, and contribute more than almost any two other Heaths to enliven

the greenhouse during the winter half-year.

The pubefcens in particular is eafily propagated by cuttings, and may be kept in a well-fecured frame; the more air is admitted to it in fuitable weather, the healthier will be the plant, and the more vivid the colour of its flowers.







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CROTALARIA TRIFLORA. THREE-FLOWER'D CROTALARIA.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Legumen turgidum inflatum pedicellatum. Filamenta connata cum fisfura dorfali.

Specific Character.

CROTALARIA triflora foliis fimplicibus ovatis sessilibus glabris, ramis angulatis, pedunculis ternis lateralibus unisloris. Linn. Sp. Pl. p. 1004.

Mant. 440. Berg. Cap. 193. Ait. Kew. v. 3.

19. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 649.

This very elegant species of Crotalaria is a native of the Cape, described by Bergius in his Pl. Capenses; by Lin-NEUS in the second edition of the Sp. Pl. and to be found in the third volume of the Hort. Kew. to which garden Mr. Alton informs us that it was introduced by Mr. Masson in 1786.

It is a biennial greenhouse plant, rising to the height of three or four feet, with a strong and for the most part unbranched stem, usually naked in its lower part; its leaves are large, uncommonly handsome when the plant is young, becoming more glaucous as it advances, and acquiring a fomewhat rough furface; its flowers, of a bright yellow colour, are produced in August and September, on the summit of the stem, they stand fingly on peduncles, which grow three together in the alæ of the leaves, and are generally fucceeded by feed-veffels containing for the most part one feed only in each; if the season be favourable, these ripen in the open air, and by these the plant is raised without difficulty: as the flowers go off, both calyx and corollæ change to a dark brown colour, which in a flight degree disfigures the plant: to secure the ripening of the seed, it will be most prudent to fet one or two of the forwardest plants in the greenhouse.

Mr. Andrews has lately published this plant, under the name of Borbonia cordata, referring to the Species Plantar. of Linneus for description and synonyms, with none of which does it in the least accord (see below); had Mr. Andrews made it a new species of Borbonia, he might perhaps have been justified from the structure of the seed-vessel, which it does not appear he had seen when the plant was drawn.

BORBONIA cordata foliis cordatis multinerviis integerimis.

Linn. Sp. Pl.

GENISTA africana frutescens rusci soliis nervosis sl. luteo. Seb. Thes. 1. p. 38. t. 24. f. 3.

PLANTA leguminosa æthiopica foliis rusci. Breyn. cent. 1.28.





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HEBENSTRETIA DENTATA. TOOTHED HEBENSTRETIA.

Class and Order.

DIDYNAMIA ANGIOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 2-emarginatus, subtus fissus. Cor. 1-labiata lab. adscendente, 4-sido. Caps. 2-sperma. Stam. margini limbi corollæ inserta.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

HEBENSTRETIA dentata foliis linearibus dentatis, spicis lævibus. Linn. Syst. Veg. 570. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 356.

VALERIANELLA africana, foliis angustis, slore macula rubicante notato. Comm. Hort. 2. p. 247.

VALERIANOIDES flore monopetalo, femine unico oblongo. Raii Suppl. 245.

PEDICULARIS foliis angustissimis dentatis, sloribus spicatis.

Burm. afric. 114. t. 42. f. 2.

To this genus LINNEUS gave the name of Hebenstretia, in honour of Joh. Ernst Hebenstreit, Professor of Medicine at Leipsic, who travelled into Africa, and published Definitiones Plantarum in 1731.

The present species, a native of the Cape, and introduced in 1770 by Mons. RICHARD, is now very generally met with in our greenhouse collections; it accords but indifferently with the name of dentata, the leaves being for the most part so slightly toothed, that the indentations are scarcely discernible; it appears to vary in this respect, and perhaps runs into the integrisolia.

It is fingular and pretty, but not shewy; produces its spikes of slowers from February to November, so that it is in bloom

the greatest part of the year: it is usually increased by cuttings and is very liable to be lost, hence it becomes necessary to have

feveral pots of it in different fituations.

LINNEUS tells us, that the flowers in the morning are without scent, at noon they are stinking and nauseous, in the evening ambrosial like the oriental hyacinth: having neglected to pay due attention to this circumstance, we can neither confirm nor contradict it, but we suspect that the different odours it is said thus to diffuse are not very powerful. We take this opportunity of mentioning a fact relative to the Manules tomentosa, which we had not discovered when we figured that plant; its slowers, which in the day-time have very little scent, late in the evening give forth a most penetrating and unpleasant one, so as to make a small greenhouse highly disagreeable.



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ERICA CILIARIS. CILIATED HEATH.

Class and Order.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 4-phyllus. Cor. 4-fida. Filamenta receptaculo inserta. Antheræ apice 2-fidæ, pertusæ. Caps. 4-locularis, 4-valvis, polysperma.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

groffis, stylo exserto, soliis ternis, racemis secundis.

Linn. Syst. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 368. Ait. Hort. Kew.
v. 2. p. 20.

ERICA ciliaris foliis ovatis ciliatis, floribus axillaribus campanulatis: calicibus ciliatis. Linn. Syst. Nat. ed. 13.

Gmel. p. 623.

ERICA foliis ovatis ciliatis ternis, corollis ovatis apice tubulosis irregularibus verticillato-racemosis. Læst. it. 138.

ERICA hirfuta anglica. Bauh. Pin. 602.

ERICA xii. Cluf. hift. 1. p. 46.

The name of ciliaris has been given to this species of Erica, from the leaves being strongly edged with hairs; this circumstance, undoubtedly, gives a striking character to the plant; there are other species, however, to which the same term would apply with equal propriety; but we must not be too nice on such points, provided the name be not bad in itself: the irregularity of the slower, as noticed by LOEFLING, vid. Synon. forms a more remarkable trait.

This species, a native of Spain and Portugal, and therefore hardy enough to bear the open air of this country in mild winters, was introduced, according to Mr. Alton, about the year 1773; it grows to the height of several seet, and, if judiciously treated, produces abundance of large purple slowers

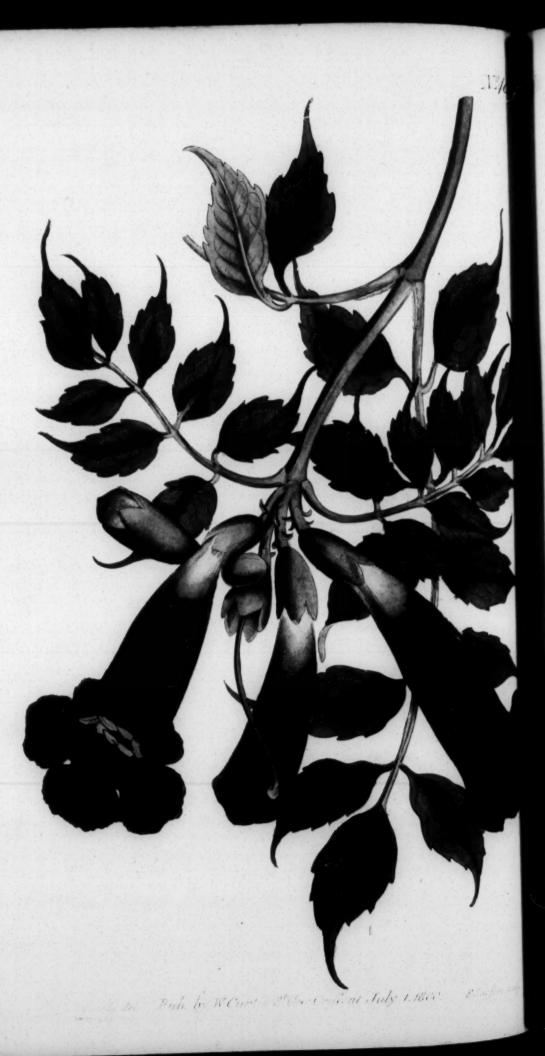
from July to September.

Though it is usual to plant this species in bog earth in the open border, to guard against accidents, it will be proper to keep a few of them in pots, and set them in the greenhouse during winter.

It is a plant of ready growth, and strikes readily from cuttings. C. BAUHIN, mistakenly, calls it anglica, which has given tile to the idea of its being an English plant, but it is not.







BIGNONIA RADICANS. ASH-LEAVED TRUMPET-FLOWER.

Class and Order.

DIDYNAMIA ANGIOSPERMIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5 fidus, cyathiformis. Cor. fauce campanulata, 5-fida, subtus ventricola. Siliqua 2-locularis. Sem. membranaceo-alata.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

BIGNONIA radicans foliis pinnatis: foliolis incisis, caule geniculis radicatis. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14.

Murr. p. 563. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 348.

PSEUDO-GELSEMINUM siliquosum. Riv. Mon. 101.

PSEUDO-APOCYNUM hederaceum americanum tubulofo flore phæniceo, fraxini folio. Monf. Hist. 3. p. 612. s. 15. t. 3. f. 1.

It is difficult to afcertain precisely when this beautiful climber was introduced to this country from North-America, its native place of growth; it was evidently cultivated here by PARKINSON in 1640, as in his Th. Botan. he describes it minutely, and adds, "this never bore flower with mee, nor any other that hath it in our country that I could heare of:" we may from hence infer, that at this period it could not have een long or generally cultivated, as the plant blows freely mough at a certain age; MILLER says, in seven or eight ears from seed.

The authors who first described this plant, called it by valous names; PARKINSON, in criticising on some of these, is etrayed into an illiberality altogether inconsistent with his sual candour and gravity: "neither yet," says he, "doe I entitle it Gelseminum hederaceum Indicum, as that good French goose doth, whose horned name is prefixed to his worke of great judgement, no doubt to make it bear an ivy title that hath so little resemblance thereto;" alluding Cornutus, who calls it by that name, and who most probly meant no more by bederaceum, than the similarity which

the plant bore to Ivy in its manner of attaching itself to trees, buildings, &c. and in which he was perfectly justified.

This deciduous climber is very hardy, and will mount to the summit of the highest tree, or spread over the lostiest wall; hence it is recommended by MILLER for covering buildings which are unsightly: in the months of August and September it puts forth its rich magnificent trumpet-like slowers, in bunches at the extremities of its pendent branches, which produce the most charming effect imaginable; one of the sinest trees (for such it is in reality) that we have seen of this fort, grows against the house of Dr. Leith, near the hospital, Greenwich; there is a very old tree of it also, at the Apothecaries garden, Chelsea, the stem of which is the thickness of one's wrist.

It fucceeds best when trained to the wall of some building, and supports itself by putting out roots in the manner of Ivy; but these roots, as in that plant, do not we believe contribute to its nourishment: it may also be trained up against the stems of tall and somewhat naked trees, and, if managed with taste and judgment, will make a charming appearance when in slower.

"It is propagated by feeds (which rarely, we believe, or never ripen with us) but the young plants fo raifed do not flower in lefs than feven or eight years, therefore those which are propagated by cuttings or layers from flowering plants are most esteemed, because they will flower in two or three years after planting. The old plants also fend out many fuckers from the roots, which may be taken off, and transplanted where they are to remain, for these plants will not transplant safely if they are old.

"The necessary culture for these plants after they are established, is to cut away all the small weak shoots of the former year in winter, and shorten the strong ones to about two feet long, that young shoots may be obtained for slowering the following summer; these plants are of long duration. There are some in gardens which have been planted more

"than fixty years, which are now very vigorous, and produce

" flowers in plenty every feafon." Mill. Dist.

The Bignonia radicans minor has by many been confidered as a variety of the plant here figured, but it differs so effentially in many particulars, that it seems to be entitled to be regarded as a species; there is an old plant of it and the major growing near together in Chelsea garden, in which we have observed that the minor is a much smaller plant, more disposed to throw out roots from its stems, infinitely less inclined to flower, varying greatly in the form of its leaves and in the size and colour of its blossoms, and upon the whole much less ornamental and desirable.



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SYRINGA PERSICA. PERSIAN LILAC.

Class and Order.

DIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. 4-fida. Caps. bilocularis 3-valvis supera.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

SYRINGA perfica foliis lanceolatis integris: Linn. Syft. Veg. ed. 14. Murr. p. 57. Ait. Kew. vol. 1. p. 15.
SYRINGA babylonica, indivifis denfioribus foliis. Pluk. Alm.

359. t. 227. f. 8.

It is difficult to fay precifely when this charming shrub, a native of Persia, now so generally found in our gardens, and unknown to the older Botanists, was introduced; Mr. Alton has ascertained that it was cultivated here in 1658.

Of this plant, authors describe three varieties, one with blue, another with white flowers, and another with divided leaves, the latter confidered by MILLER as a distinct species, and called by him *laciniata*, appears to have been the first

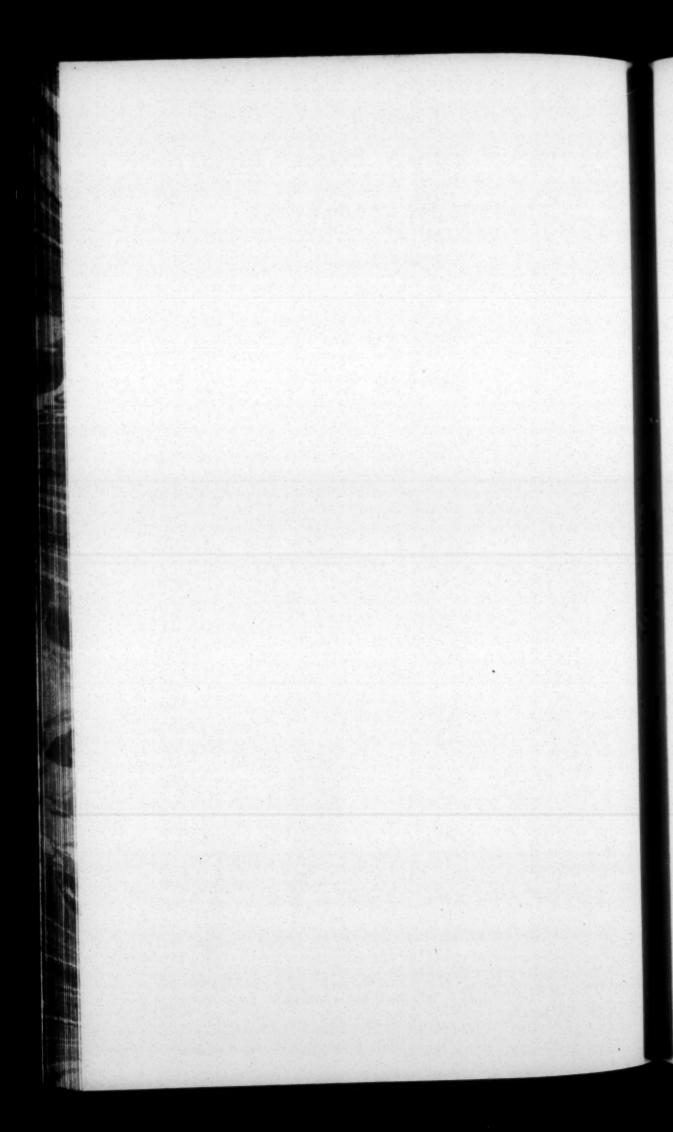
known and introduced by the Persian name of Agem.

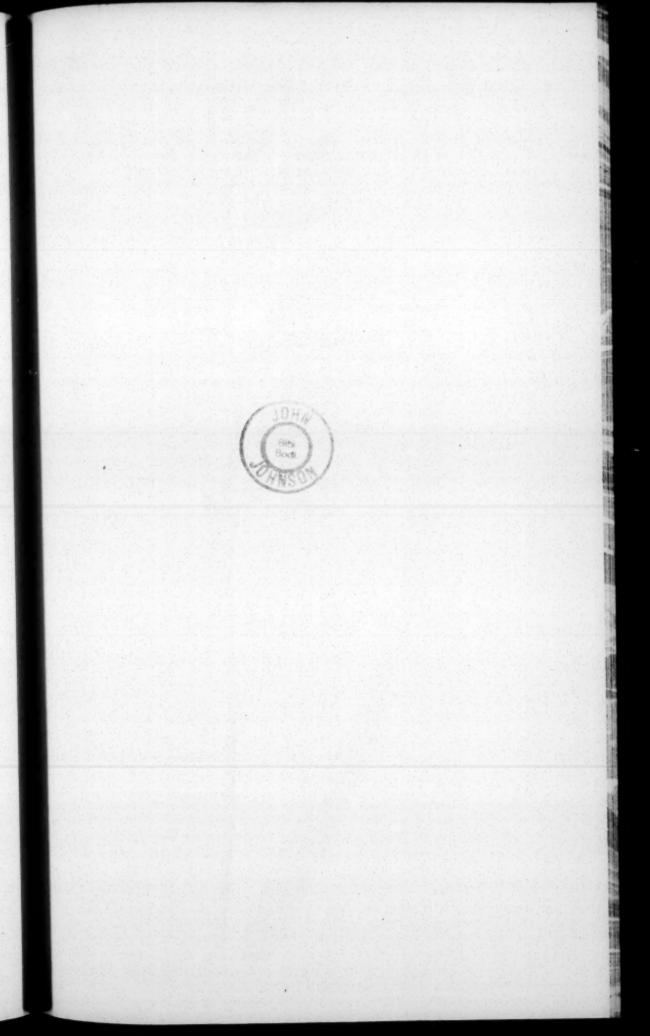
The Persian Lilac is a shrub of much humbler growth than the common fort, seldom rising above the height of six set; its branches are slender, pliable, and widely extended, frequently bending downward from the weight of the slowers, which are produced from the beginning to the end of May in panicles uncommonly large, and are of a pale purple colour, with an agreeable scent, going off without producing any persect seeds.

May be increased by suckers, but in a better manner by

avers.

As this shrub bears forcing extremely well, it is one of those principally used for decorating windows, &c. in the spring of the year.







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GLADIOLUS LINEATUS. PENCILLED CORN-FLAG.

Class and Order.

TRIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generie Character.

Cor. 6-partita, ringens. Stamina adfcendentia.

Specific Character and Synonym.

GLADIOLUS lineatus corollæ limbo tubo quadruplo longiore, incurvo patente; laciniis ellipticis, extus lineis 3 parallelis, fuprema majore, exterioribus retufis. Salifb. Prod. pag. 40.

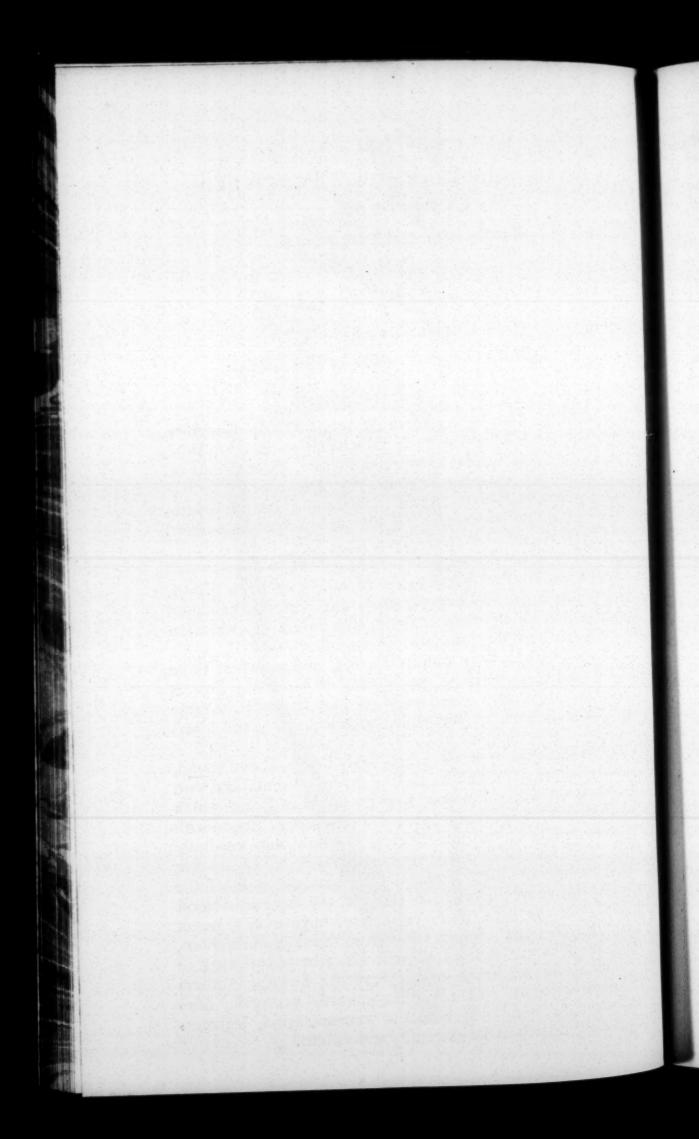
IXIA squalida β Variet. stricta, foliis strictis, laminis ovatooblongis integerrimis basi concoloribus. Hort. Kew. v. 1. p. 61.

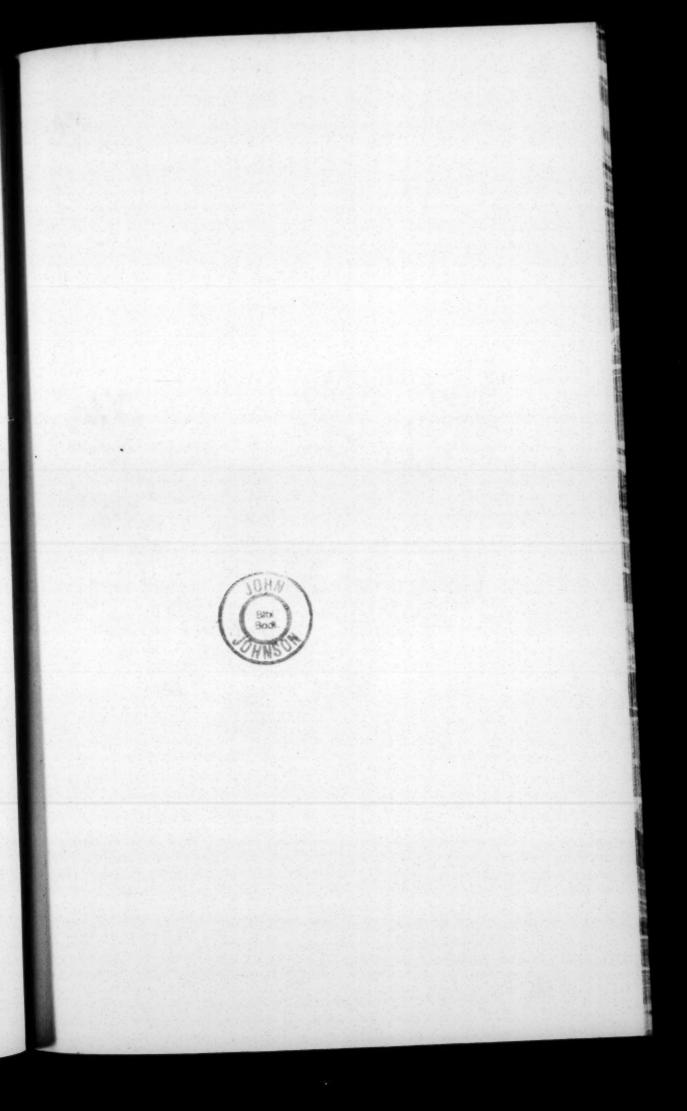
The flowers of this Corn-flag are of a delicate straw colour, more or less tinged with orange, finely and curiously pencilled with dark lines, which render it as much an object of admiration as brilliancy of colour does some of the others.

It appears to be a very distinct species, and is one of those lately introduced from the Cape by way of Holland; slowers in May, produces offsets in abundance, and requires the same treatment as the rest of the genus, grows readily, and blows

freely.

Descr.—Stalk about two seet high, leafy below, above round, smooth; Leaves about half an inch wide, smooth, marked with one principal midrib; Flowers, five or six in a spike, which nods remarkably before they open, straw-coloured, tinged with orange in a greater or less degree, strongly and curiously marked with fine lines, three running parallel to each other down the middle of each segment, from whence those of the side branch off; on the inside of each of the three lowermost segments near the base, is a yellow spot, uppermost segment broader than the rest. Spatha two-leaved, leaves membranous, ribb'd, length of the tube of the corolla, ribs terminating in short awns; Stamens much shorter than the flower; Anthers linear, nearly parallel, bent a little upward, yellowish, sides dark-coloured; Style length of the stamens, trisid, segments bowed back, dilated at the extremity and villous.







RHODODENDRON CHAMÆCISTUS, THYME-LEAVED RHODODENDRON.

Class and Order.

DECANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus. Cor. fubinfundibuliformis. Stam. declinata. Capf. 5-locularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

RHODODENDRON foliis ciliatis, corollis rotatis. Linn. Spec. Pl. ed. 2. p. 562. Jacq. Fl. Austr. t. 217. Scop. Fl. Carniol. ed. 2. n. 481.

LEDUM foliis ferpylli ad margines cilii instar pilosis, flore purpureo. Mich. Gen. p. 225. tab. 106.

CHAMÆ CISTUS VIII. Cluf. Hift. 1. p. 76.

CHAMÆCISTUS IV. Cluf. Pan. 64.

CHAMÆCISTUS hirfuta. C. B. Pin. 466.

CHAMÆRHODODENDRON berberis folio flore amplo roseo. Gmel. Sibir. 4. p. 126.

CISTUS chamærhododendros foliis confertis ferrea rubigine nitentibus, margine pilofis. Pluk. Alm. 106. tab. 23. f. 4.?

For this very rare and beautiful little plant we are indebted to Mr. Loddidges, Nurseryman, at Hackney, who raised several of them from seeds fent him ten or twelve years ago, from Laubach, in Austria, by a friend who gathered them on the extreme tops of the Crain mountains.

It is a plant of very flow growth and difficult culture, which must always make it a great rarity. It slowers in April, is kept in bog-earth in a sheltered situation and Northern aspect.

The Ciftus Chamærhododendros of PLUKENET is, perhaps, intended for some other plant, as the leaves of this are perfectly free from any ferruginous appearance.

As, perhaps, few English Botanists have seen the Rhododendron Chamæcistus in flower, the following description may not be unacceptable. It rises with several diffuse branched stalks, stalks, scarcely a span high, thickly clothed with small ovate fleshy leaves, smooth on each side, ciliated at the edge; when young, they appear ferrated with a gland-bearing hair to cach tooth; but as they grow older they become more fleshy, the notches disappear, and the glands at the extremity of the hairs perish. The Flower-Stalks about an inch long, hairy with glands, grow three or four together from the extremity of the branch, having two small concave bracteæ at the base, and bearing cach one flower. The Calyx is five-cleft, the fegments conniving, lanceolate-oval. The Corolla of one petal, deeply divided into five fegments, which are ovate, entire, and rotate, of a lively purple colour, spotted at the base. Filaments ten, equal, longer than the corolla, incurved towards the tip, white; Anthers black, attached at the fide; Pollen white. The Germ is hemifpherical, of a green colour; the Style white, of an equal length or fomewhat exceeding the stamens; the Stigma simple and green. The Seed-Veffel we have not feen.





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SPIRÆA TRIFOLIATA. THREE-LEAVED SPIRÆA.



Class and Order.

ICOSANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-fidus. Petala 5. Capf. polyspermæ.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

SPIR ÆA trifoliata foliis ternatis ferratis subæqualibus, floribus subpaniculatis. Sp. Plant. 702.

ULMARIA major, trifolia, flore amplo pentapetalo, virginiana. Pluk. alm. 393. t. 236. f. 5. Raii Suppl. 330. ULMARIA virginiana trifolia, floribus candidis amplis longis

et acutis. Morif. Hist. 3. p. 323.

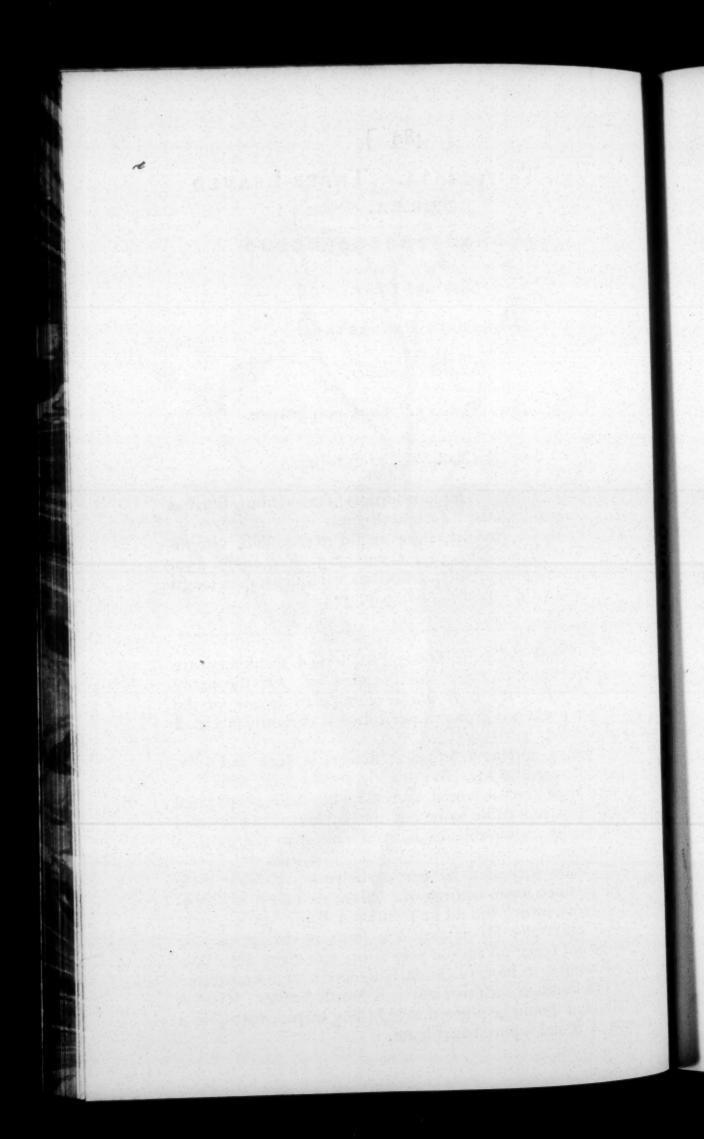
To this genus both the flower-garden and shrubbery are indebted for some of their chief ornaments. Of the hardy herbaceous species the *trifoliata* is considered as one of the most elegant; when it grows in perfection it certainly is a most delectable plant.

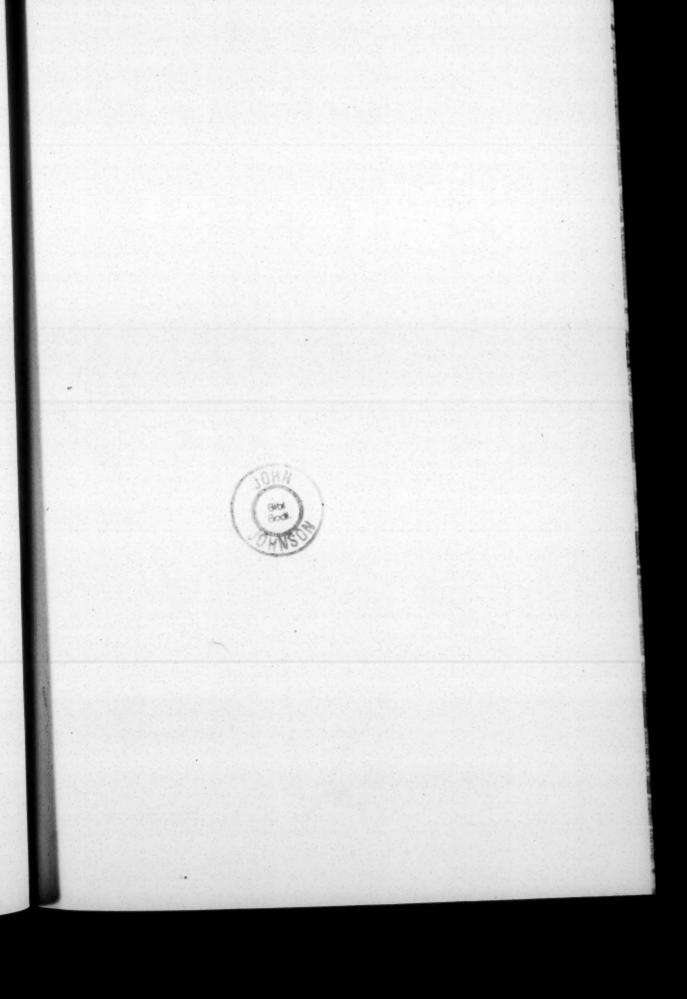
It is a native of North America, flowers in June and July, and was cultivated by Mr. MILLER, in 1758. Ait. Kew.

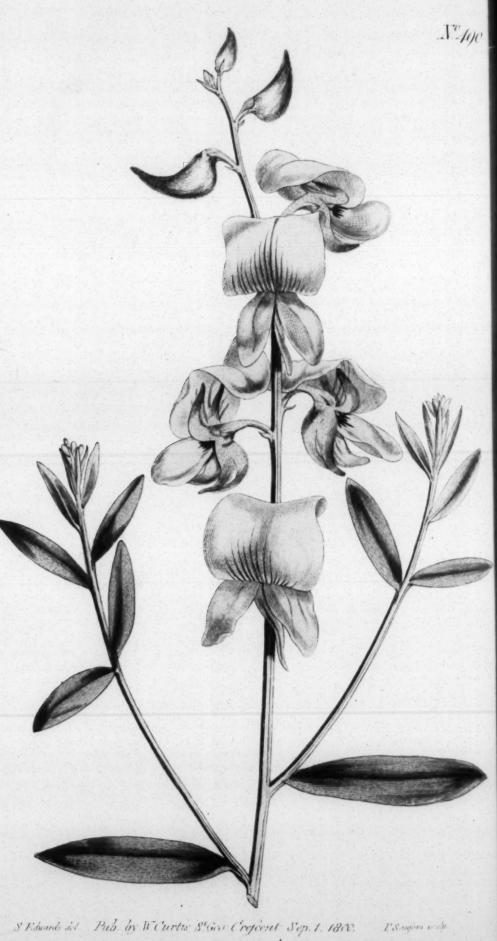
Being a plant much coveted, increasing but little, propagated with difficulty, and liable to be lost unless planted in a soil and situation highly favourable to it, it is scarce in the gardens about London.

It is usually increased by parting its roots; possibly these might grow when made cuttings of. MILLER says it is propagated by seeds, which should be sown on a shady border, soon after they are ripe; for if they are sown in the spring, the plants will not come up till the year after, and many times sail; they will require to be very carefully weeded and attended to.

The best situation for this plant is a North border; it loves moisture, and should be planted in light bog or peat-earth, or a mixture of it and a pure hazel loam.







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CROTALARIA JUNCEA. CHANNEL'D-STALK'D CROTALARIA.



Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Legumen turgidum, inflatum, pedicellatum. Filam. connata cum fiffura dorfali.

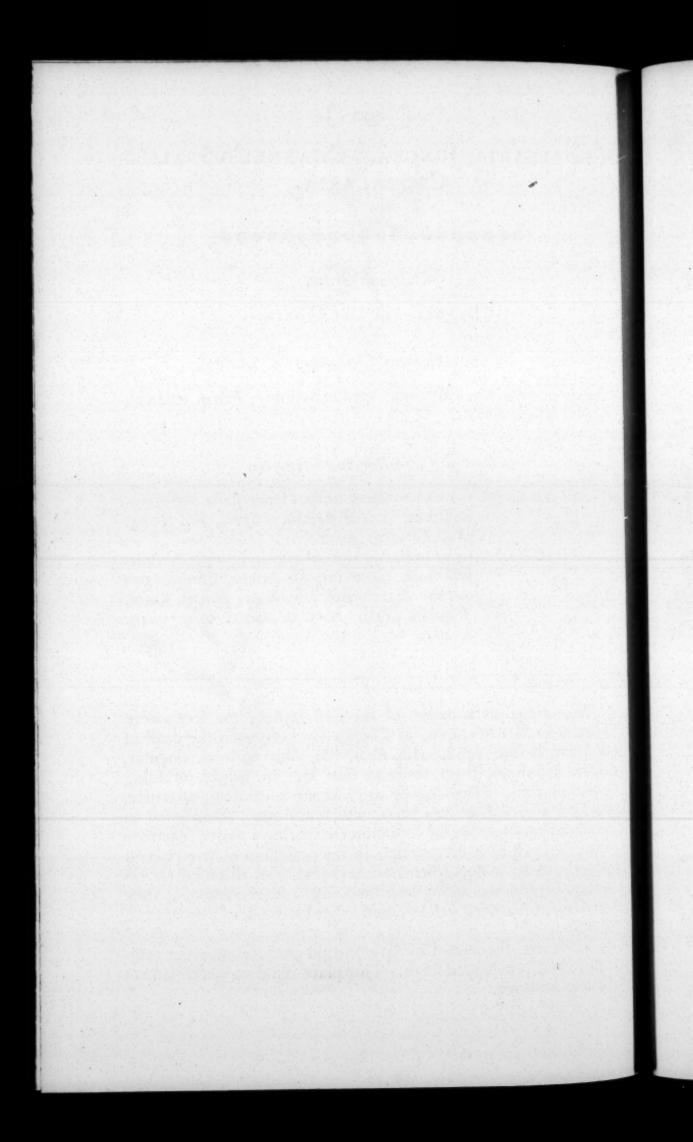
Specific Character and Synonyms.

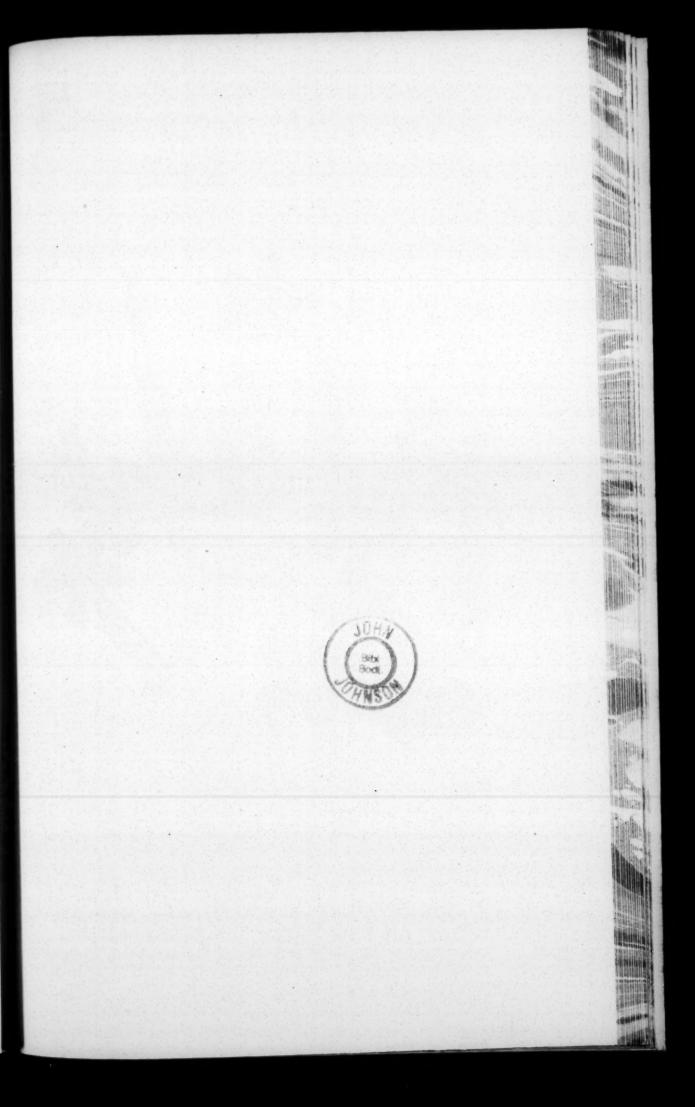
CROTALARIA juncea foliis simplicibus lanceolatis petiolatosessilibus, caule striato. Spec. Pl. 1004. Ait. Kew. 3. p. 18.

CROTALARIA foliis folitariis lanceolatis lanuginofis, petiolis fessilibus, caule ramoso striato, slore magno aureo. Trew. Ehret. tab. 47. p. 15. Katou Tandala Cotti. Hort. Malabar. v. 9. p. 47. t. 26.

This annual is a native of the East-Indies; the seeds were brought to Mr. MILLER, at Chelsea-Garden, from the coast of Malabar before 1768, Ait. Kew. It rises with an angular, rushy, stiff stem, from three to sour seet in height, dividing into branches. The leaves are oblong-lanceolate, alternate, covered with soft silvery hairs, which are much diminished in number by culture, as we found on comparing a native specimen from the coast of Coromandel, in the possession of Sir Joseph Banks, Bart. The slowers are terminal, and disposed in racemes, each slower being surnished with a short peduncle, they are large, of a deep yellow, and resemble those of the Spanish Broom.

These are succeeded by large turgid pods, containing reniform or kidney-shaped seeds. This plant requires the treatment of the tan-stove.







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GENTIANA VERNA. VERNAL GENTIAN.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA DIGYNIA.

Generic Charatter.

Cor. 1-petala. Capf. 2-valvis, 1-locularis: Receptaculis 2, lon-gitudinalibus.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

GENTIANA verna, corolla quinquefida infundibuliformi caulem excedente, foliis radicalibus confertis majoribus. Linn. Spec. Pl. p. 331.

GENTIANA VI. Cluf. Rar. Plant. Hift. Lib. III. p. 315.

GENTIANA verna. Smith. Flor. Brit. v. 1. p. 285. English Botany, p. 493.

This elegant hardy perennial, a native of the Alps of Switzerland, Austria, and the Pyrennees, hath, as we are informed by Dr. SMITH, in his Flora Britannica, been discovered by Mr. HEATON, on the mountains between Gort and Gallway, in Ireland; and in Teesdale-Forest, Durham, by the Rev. Mr. HARRIMAN, and Mr. OLIVER.

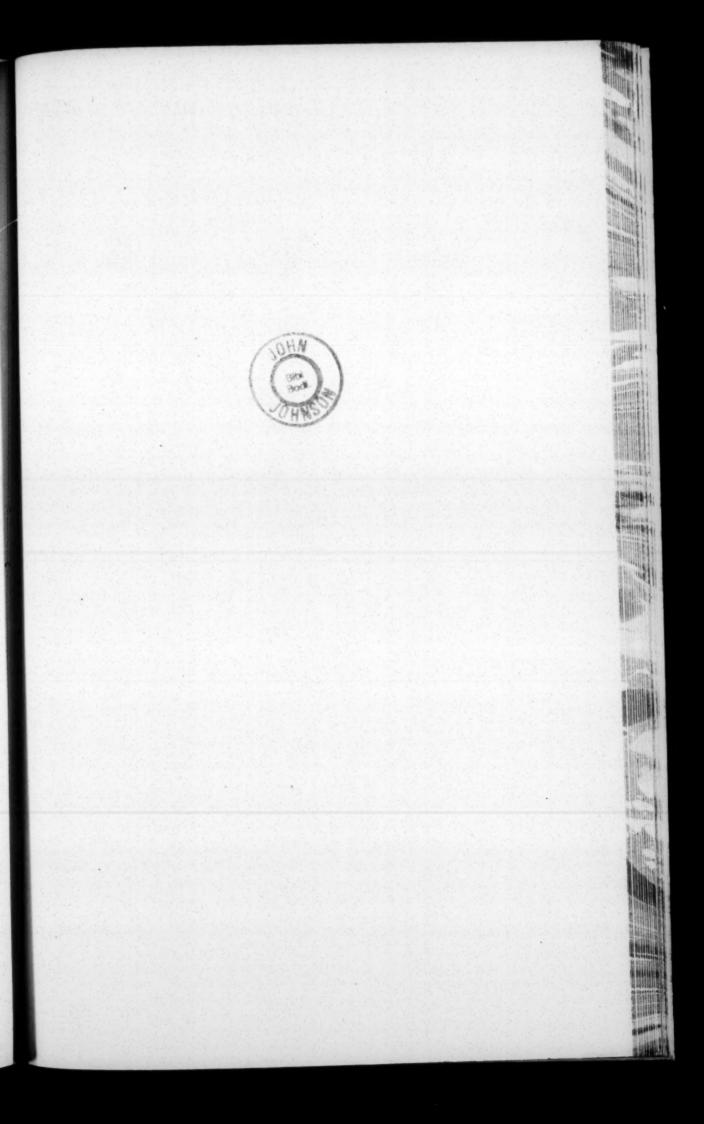
Its flowers have a very agreeable fcent, and will decorate either the open border or rock-work; they appear in April or May, and may be brought forward at least fix weeks earlier, by being placed in the greenhouse.

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It fucceeds well in a mixture of peat-earth and loam.

The plant from which this figure was made, flowered this fpring at the Botanic-Garden, at Brompton.

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POLYGALA OPPOSITIFOLIA. OPPOSITE-LEAV'D MILK-WORT.

Class and Order.

DIADELPHIA OCTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-phyllus: foliolis duobus alæformibus coloratis. Legumen obcordatum, biloculare.

Specific Character and Synonym.

POLYGALA oppositifolia, floribus cristatis racemosis, caule fruticoso pubescente, foliis oppositis cordatis acutis sessibles.

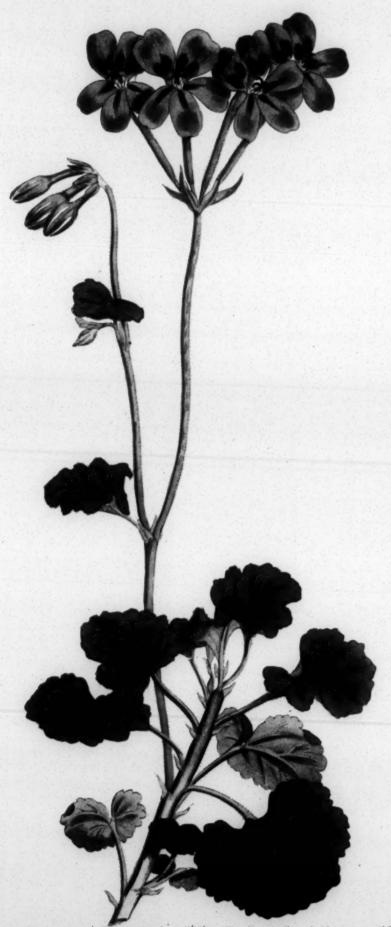
POLYGALA oppositifolia floribus cristatis, caule fruticoso, foliis oppositis ovatis acutis. Linn. Mant. 259.

Of this numerous genus there are many species with shrubby stalks, which rise to a considerable height; such is the present plant, which has within these sew years made its appearance in the greenhouses about town, and is to be admired for its rarity and singularity, rather than for its superior beauty; in that respect it is far eclipsed by the brasteolata.

The Stalk rifes to the height of feveral feet, branching towards the top in a very irregular manner; is round, downy, and of a purple colour; the Leaves are opposite, sessile, heartshaped, pointed, more or less hairy, on the old stems turned downwards; the Flowers grow in racemes for the most part, from the fork of the stalk, are about the fize of those of the brasteolata, but less brilliant; each Peduncle is surnished at its base with a triphyllous brastea; the Stamens are eight in number, and the Stigma is remarkably hooked.

It is a native of the Cape, and usually increased by cuttings.





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PELARGONIUM RENIFORME. KIDNEY-LEAV'D CRANE'S-BILL.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA HEPTANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-partitus: lacinia suprema desinente in tubulum capillarem, nectariferum secus pedunculum decurrentem. Cor. 5-petala irregularis. Fil. 10 inæqualia: quorum 3 (raro 5) castrata. Fruelus 5-coccus, rostratus: rostra spiralia, introrsum barbata.

Specific Character.

PELARGONIUM reniforme caule fruticoso: ramis superne incrassatis, soliis reniformibus, umbellis subquadrisloris.

This is one of the rarest of the Geranium tribe with so many species of which our greenhouses, and even our halls and windows, are now decorated. It has appeared in several gardens about the metropolis for these two years past, and was, probably, first raised from seeds sent from the Cape to the Royal Garden, at Kew, a source from whence the beauties of Flora are spread with a bountiful hand through the nation.

It is known in most of the nurseries by the name which we have adopted, but has not, we believe, been hitherto described

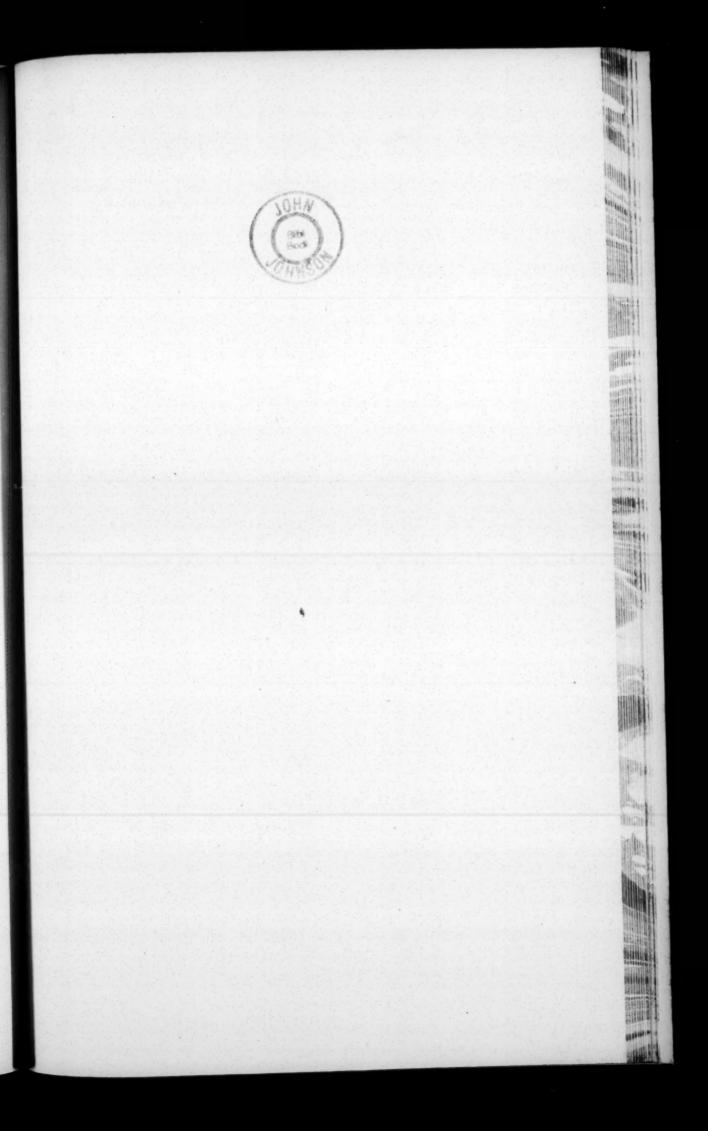
or figured.

The best mode of cultivating this plant is by sowing its seeds, either in the spring or autumn, in a mixture of peat-earth and loam, as it is not easily increased either by cuttings or by

parting its roots.

Descr.—Stalk from two to three seet or more in height, woody, towards the tops of the young branches remarkably thickened; Leaves alternate, standing on footstalks, reniform, crenated, slightly fragrant; Flowers in an umbel from two to four; Petals sive, nearly equal, very bright purple, the two uppermost marked at the base with dark spots or streaks, the three lowermost but little so; Peduncles upright, villous, with a joint near the base; Calyces having sour of the leaves reslexed, one upright when the slower is open; Stamens sive perfect; Anthers of a pale purple colour.

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CENTAUREA RAGUSINA. CRETAN CENTAURY.

Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA FRUSTRANEA.

Generic Character.

Recept. fetosum. Pappus simplex. Cor. radii infundibuliformes longiores irregulares.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CENTAUREA ragusina calycibus ciliatis, foliis tomentosis natisidis: foliolis obtusis ovatis integerrimis: exterioribus majoribus. Sp. Pl. 1290. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 259.

JACEA cretica lutea foliis cinaræ. Moris. Hist. 3. p. 141.

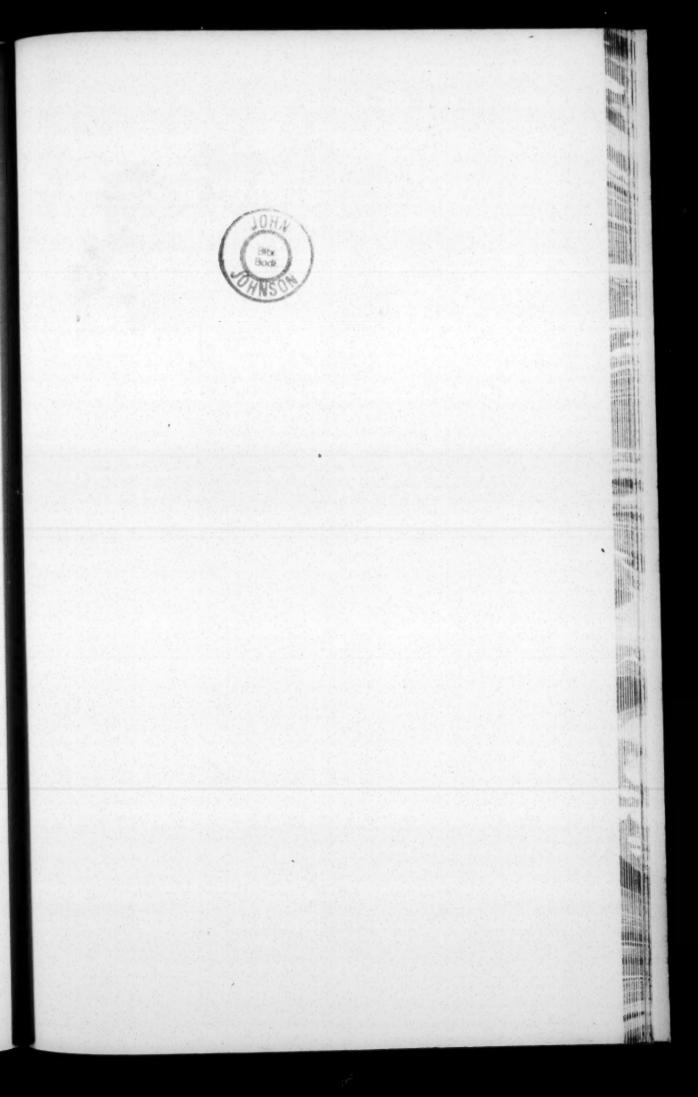
JACEA arborea argentea ragusina. Zan. Hist. 107. t. 43. Mill. Icon. t. 152. f. 1.

STŒBE montana nivea capite cardui, subrotundis foliorum lobis. Barr. Ic. 309.

The Centaurea ragusina, a native of the isle of Candia, and of several places on the coasts of the Mediterranean, both in Europe and Africa, was cultivated here in 1714, by the Duchess of Beaufort, and is now a common greenhouse plant; it seldom exceeds the height of three seet; its stalks which are perennial, divide into many branches; the slowers are of a bright yellow colour, they appear in June and July, but the seeds seldom ripen in England: as this plant retains its leaves, which are extremely white all the year, it makes a pretty variety among others. If planted in dry lime rubbish, Miller says, it will bear the cold of our ordinary winters, in the open air.

May be propagated by flips, or by planting the young branches, which do not shoot up to flower, in a shady border any time during the summer; in the autumn these may be removed into a warm border, or put into pots to be sheltered in winter.

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CRASSULA COCCINEA. SCARLET-FLOWERED CRASSULA.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-phyllus. Petala 5. Squamæ 5, nectariferæ ad bafin germinis. Capf. 5.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CRASSULA coccinea foliis ovatis planis cartilagineo-ciliatis, basi connato-vaginantibus. Linn. Syst. Vegetab. ed. 14. Murr. p. 304. Mant. 360. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 390.

COTYLEDON africana frutescens, flore umbellato coccineo. Comm. Rar. 24. t. 24. Bradl. Succ. 5. p. 7. t. 50.

COTYLEDON africana frutescens flore carneo amplo. Breyn. Prodr. 3. p. 30. t. 20. f. 1.

We have no doubt but that when this superb species of Crassula was first introduced from the Cape by Prof. BRADLEY, of Oxford, in 1714, it was regarded as a kind of a Merveil de la Nature; even now that it is common, we scarcely know any succulent that is superior to it, whether we regard its grandeur, the curious growth of its leaves, or the rich colour of its scarlet blossoms, readily produced on plants of a moderate size.

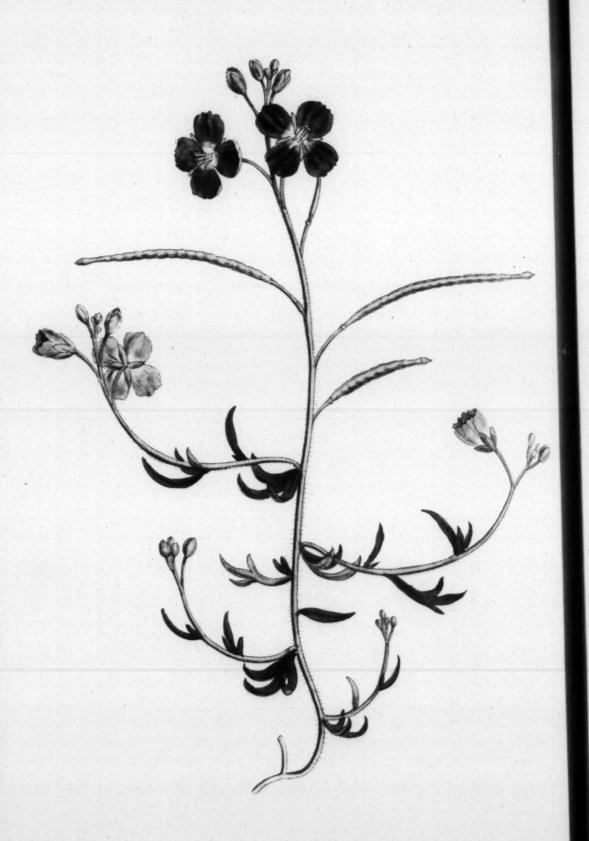
It flowers during the months of July, August, and September; is readily propagated by cuttings, and requires the same treatment as other tender succulents; Mr. Alton regards it as a dry stove plant; in the summer it should be placed in the

open air.

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HELIOPHILA ARABIOIDES. CLUB-POINTED HELIOPHILA.

Class and Order.

TETRADYNAMIA SILIQUOSA.

Generic Character.

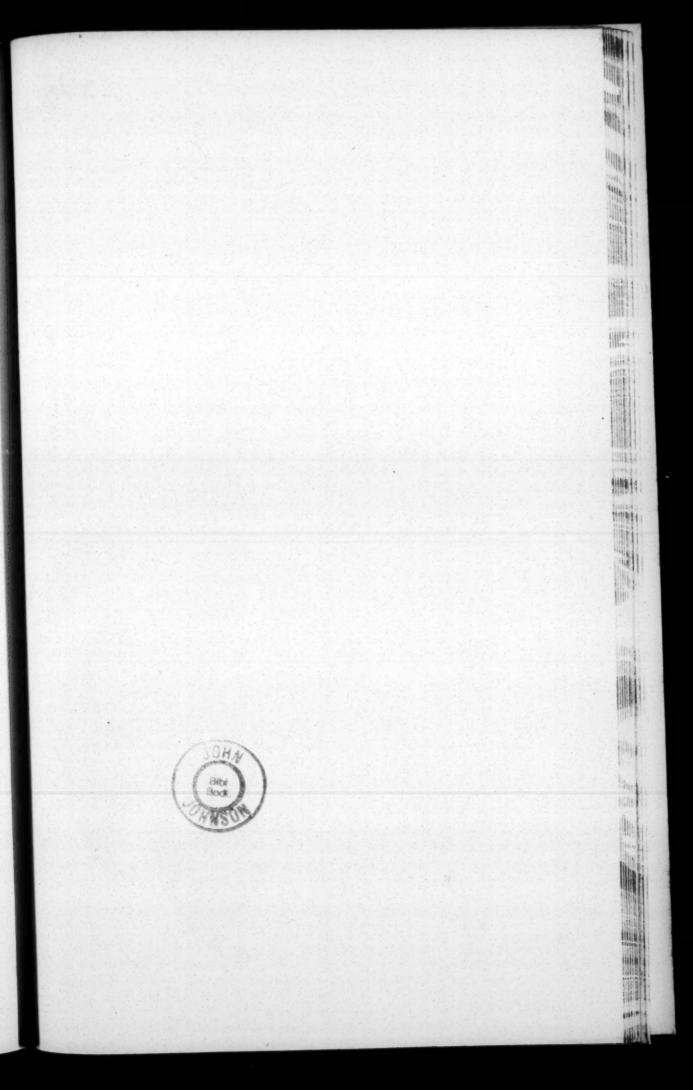
Nectaria duo recurvata versus calycis basin vesicularem.

Specific Character.

HELIOPHILA arabioides, filiquis teretibus torulofis clavatomucronatis; foliis linearibus carnofis tridentatis fimplicibusque.

This pretty little annual, which is known in feveral of the more curious collections about town, under the name of Heliophila integrifolia, is a native of the Cape of Good Hope, from whence several other species of Heliophila have been imported into Europe, all of which, we believe, might be very readily characterised by the different figure of the filiqua; but for want of a proper attention to this most essential part, much confusion has arisen in the synonomy of those species which have been already described. The true integrifolia is a much larger plant, with lanceolate leaves all entire; the filiqua is compressed, which marks it to be a distinct species. Our plant cannot be referred to any yet described, although in many respects it resembles what has been figured by JACQUIN, as a remarkable variety of integrifolia, in his Icones Rarior. t. 506. It differs, however, fo materially, that we cannot venture to quote this figure as a fynonym. It has been, therefore, necessary to give it a new specific name, and we have formed a character, which, from a careful inspection of all the species preserved in the Herbarium of Sir Joseph Banks, appears sufficient to distinguish it. The flowers, which are of a very brilliant colour, expand about noon and remain open but a few hours. Our figure was drawn from a plant raised by Mr. Loddidge, of Hackney. It is to be raifed in the fpring, in the same manner as other tender annuals.—S.







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QUASSIA AMARA. BITTER QUASSIA.

Class and Order.

DECANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

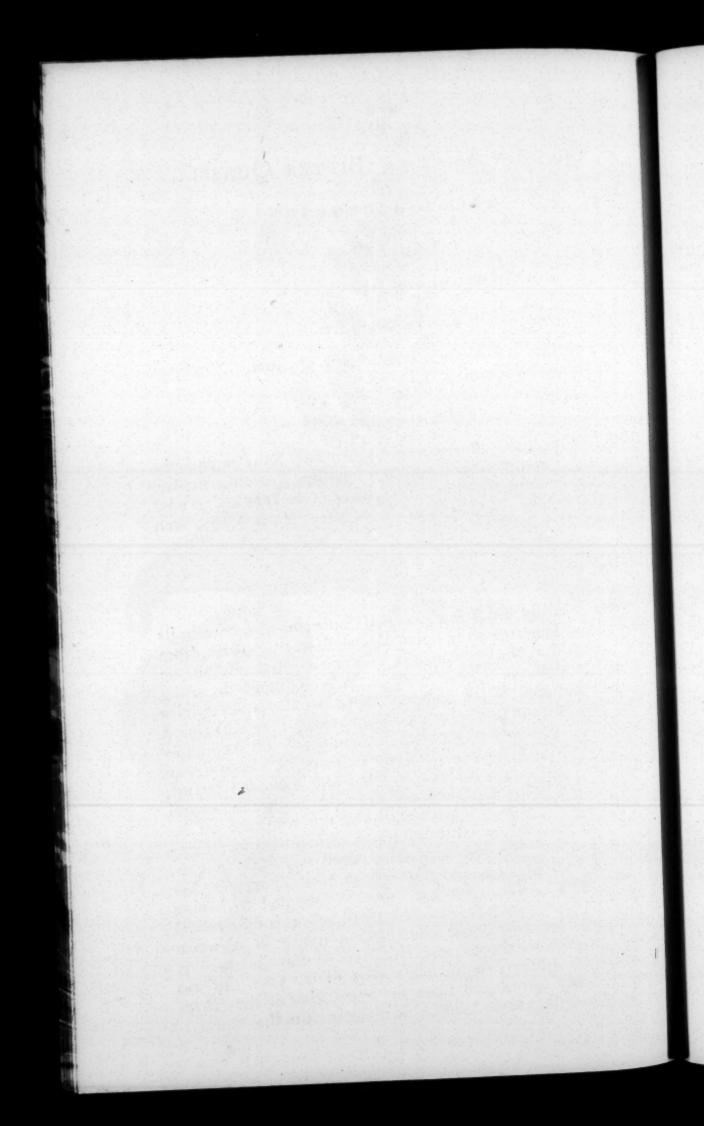
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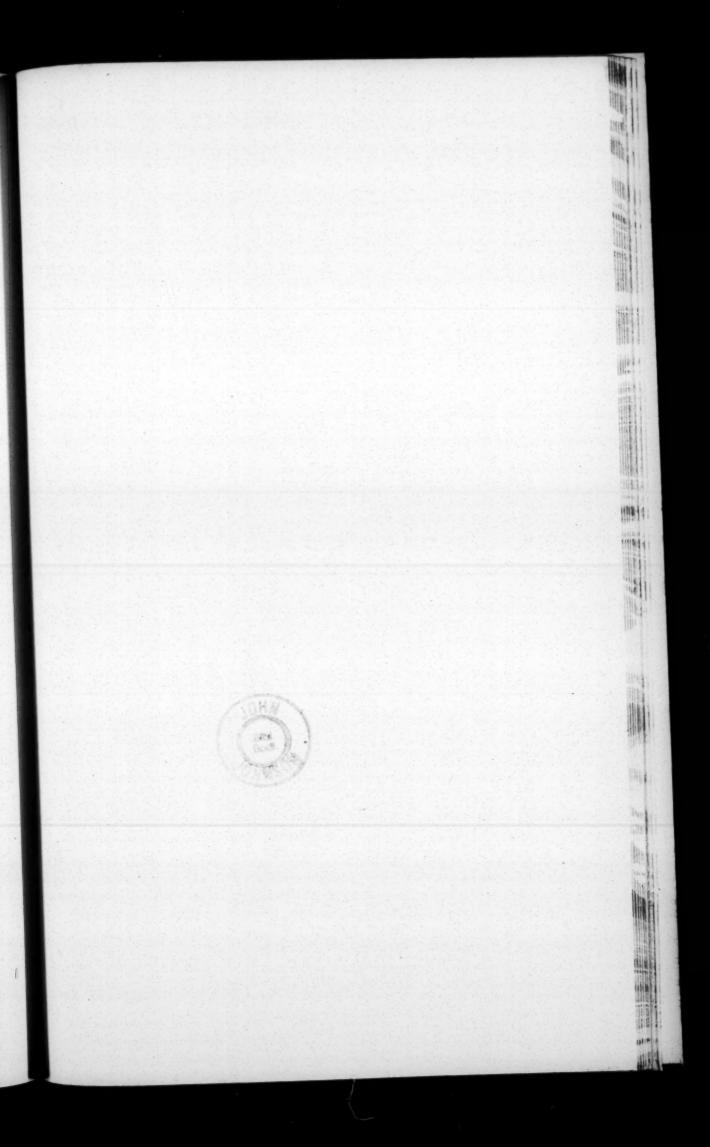
Cal. 5-phyllus. Petala 5. Nectarium 5-phyllum. Pericarpia 5 distantia, 1-sperma.

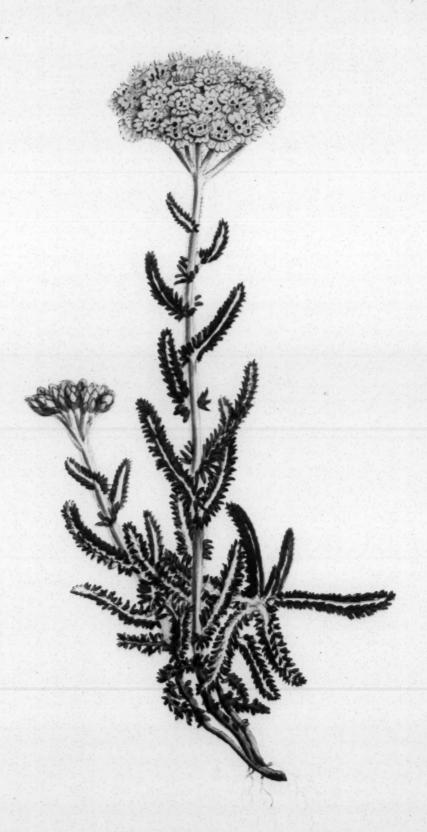
Specific Character and Synonyms.

QUASSIA amara, floribus hermaphroditis, foliis impari-pinnatis: foliolis oppositis sessilibus, petiolo articulato alato, floribus racemosis. Linn. Supplem. p. 235. Syst. Veget. Murray, p. 401. Linn. Spec. Plant. edit. Willdenow. 10m. 2. p. 567.

This beautiful shrub is a native of Surinam, and both in its foliage and long racemes of fine scarlet flowers growing from the extremities of the branches, is a great ornament to the flove. It bloffoms tolerably freely, and continues flowering during great part of the fummer. The corolla is never fully expanded, but the petals having a spiral twist, they curl round one another and open in an irregular manner. All the figures of this plant hitherto published we believe have been drawn from dried specimens, and the corolla being expanded by art, a flower has been made totally different from the natural appearance. The bark, the wood, and the root, are all intenfely bitter, and may on that account be useful in medicine; but the Lignum Quaffiæ, which has been imported in confiderable quantities, not only for pharmaceutical purposes, but as a substitute for hops, though formerly supposed to belong to this species, we are informed by later observers is the product of another, the Quaffia excelfa. As a native of a warm climate, it requires the common treatment of stove plants. Is increased by cuttings in the early part of the year. It was most probably introduced fince the publication of the Hortus Kewensis in 1789, as no mention is made of it in that work.







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ACHILLEA TOMENTOSA. WOOLLY MILFOIL.

Class and Order.

SYNGENESIA POLYGAMIA SUPERFLUA.

Generic Character.

Cal. ovatus, imbricatus, fquamis ovatis; flosculi radii 5 vel plures; receptaculum paleaceum elevatum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ACHILLEA tomentosa foliis pinnatis hirsutis: pinnis linearibus dentatis. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 3. 1264. Ait. Kew. v. 3. p. 239.

MILLEFOLIUM tomentosum luteum. Baub. Pin. 140.

MILLEFOLIUM luteum. Ger. Herb. 945. f. 1. emac. 1073. f. 1.

This hardy perennial is a species of Milsoii, a plant of very humble growth; its leaves, which are woolly, though probably much less so in gardens than in their wild state, spread on the ground and mat together; its stalks seldom rise above the height of nine inches, and produce on their summits umbels of slowers of a fine yellow colour, which continue during most of the summer.

Grows naturally in Spain, the South of France, the Valais, and Italy; was cultivated in the Oxford Garden in 1658.

It is well adapted to the borders of the small flower garden, or to place on rock-work; is a plant of very ready growth, and increased by parting its roots in the Autumn or Spring.

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ALLIUM MOLY. YELLOW GARLIC OF MOLY.

Class and Order.

HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. 6 partita patens, spatha multissora. Umbella congesta. Caps. supera.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

ALLIUM Moly scapo nudo subcylindrico, foliis lanceolatis sessilibus, umbella fastigiata. Sp. Pl. 432. Ait. Kew. 428.

ALLIUM Moly latifolium luteum odore allii. Baub. Pin. 75.
ALLIUM Moly montanum latifolium, flavo flore. Cluf.
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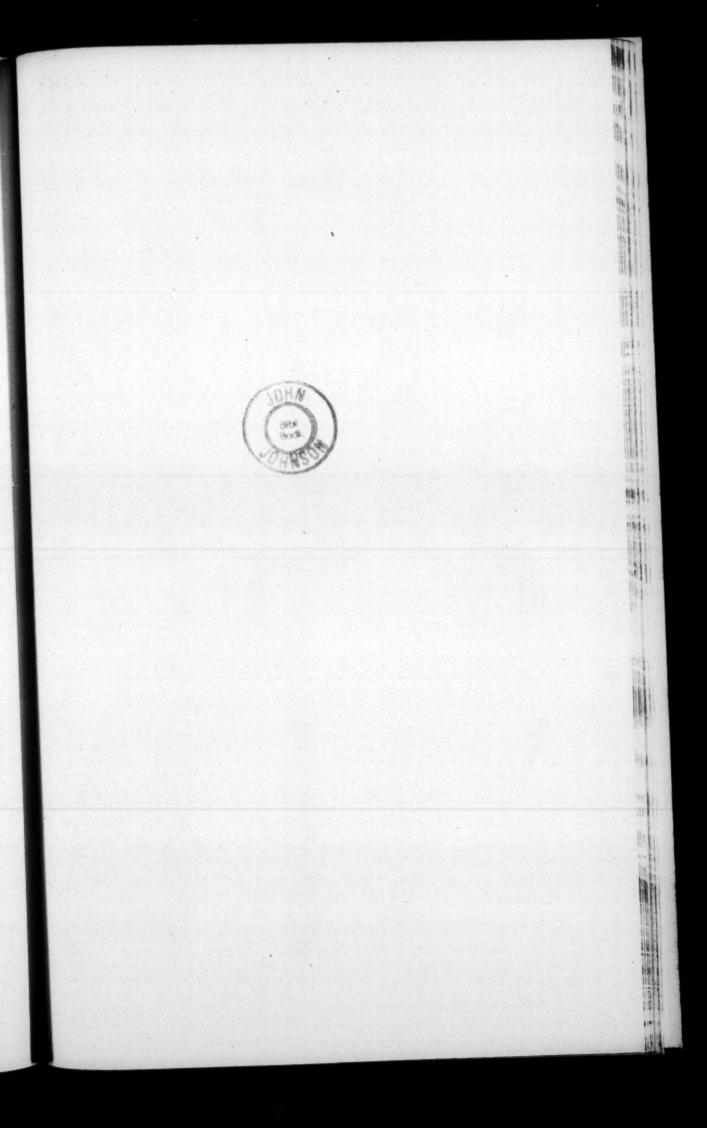
MOLY montanum latifolium luteo flore. The yellow Moly. Park. Parad. p. 144. pl. 143. fig. 7.

Of this very numerous genus there are but few species with yellow flowers; this plant was therefore, no doubt, cultivated at first as much for its singularity as its beauty: Parkinson sigures and describes it in his Parad. terr. as he does many others of the same tribe, in which he appears to have been very rich; he observes that when the plant comes up with a single leaf, it produces no slowers, but when it has two it does. Miller says the Yellow Moly has some beauty in the slowers, and deserves a place in borders where sew better things will thrive.

Grows wild in Hungary, on Mount Baldo, about Montpellier, and in the Pyrenees; is a hardy perennial, growing to the height of ten or twelve inches, producing its flowers in umbels in the month of June; according to LOBEL was cultivated here by EDWARD LORD ZOUCH in 1604.

For the most part it increases plentifully, both by roots and seeds; but in some situations its bulbs are liable to be greatly injured by the wire-worm, the larva or maggot of an elater.

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AGAPANTHUS UMBELLATUS. AFRICAN AGAPANTHUS, OF BLUE LILY.

Class and Order.

HEXANDRIA MONOCYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cor. infera, infundibuliformis, hexapetaloidea regularis.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

AGAPANTHUS umbellatus. Ait. Kew. v. 1. p. 414. 509. L'Herit. Sert. 17.

CRINUM africanum. Linn. Sp. p. 419.

POLYANTHES floribus umbellatis. Linn. Vir. Cliff. 29. Hort. 126. Mill. fig. 8. 10.

TULBAGHIA Heift. Brunfv. 10. n. 6.

MAUHLIA africana. Dahl. Ohf. Bot. 26.

HYACINTHUS africanus tuberosus, fl. cæruleo umbellato. Breyn. prod. 1. 25.

Agapanthus is a name first given to this genus of plants, of which there is only one species, in the Hort. Kew. of Mr. AITON. LA. NEUS and GERTNER have confidered it as a Crinum, and it will be feen by the fynonyms that it has had a variety of names imposed on it by other authors.

It is a native of the Cape, and no novelty in this country, having been cultivated in the Royal Garden at Hampton-Court in 1692: it is now found in most collections of green-house plants: the nurserymen make two varieties of it, a major and a minor.

Its root is not bulbous, but composed of many thick fleshy fibres; the leaves are thick, about a foot long, and near an inch broad; the flowering stem, which is naked, rifes to the height of two or three feet, and produces on its summit a magnificent magnificent umbel of fine blue flowers, which come forth irregularly during the whole of the year, but more frequently

from August to January.

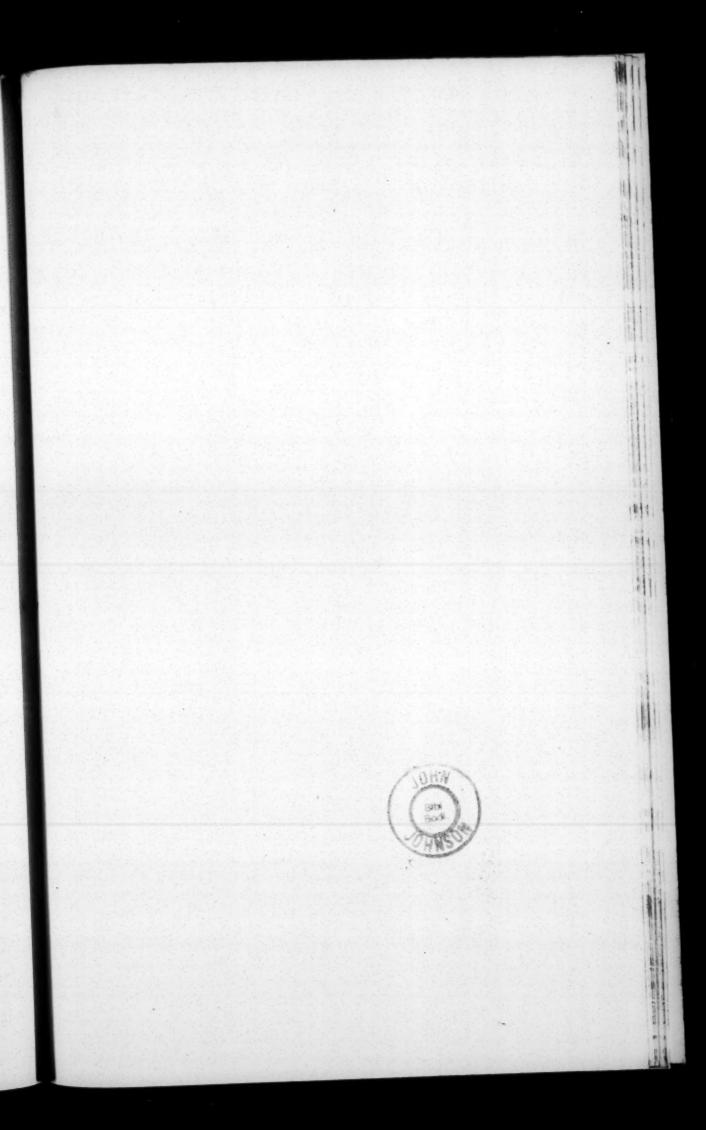
This plant only requires protection from frost and moisture, it should not, therefore, have any artificial warmth in winter, at least no more than is necessary to secure it from frost (unless our object be to force it, which it bears admirably well) and must be set in the open air in summer: at the close of the year, when coming into bloom, it will require the shelter of the green-house.

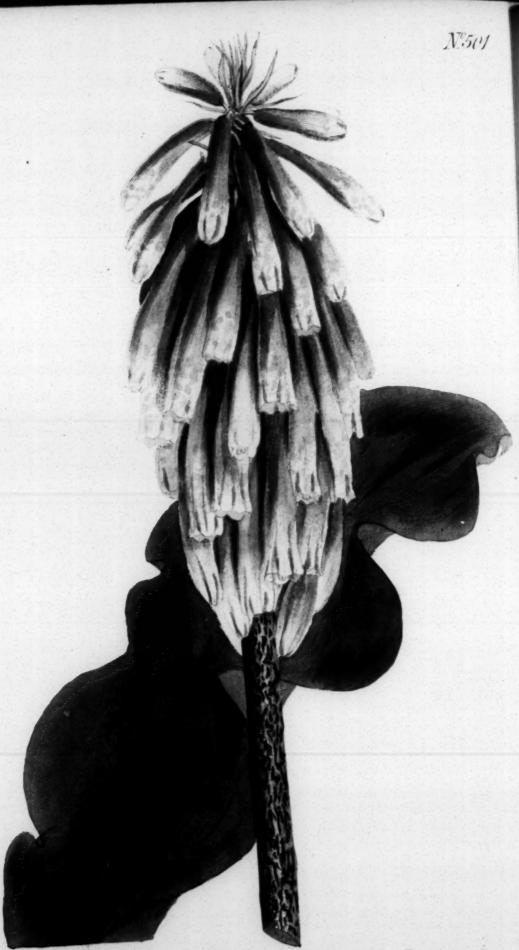
Is propagated by offsets, which come out from the fide of the

old plant, and may be taken off the latter end of June.

It will not grow and flower in perfection unless it have plenty of pot room, and the space that it thus occupies is often more than a small green-house can afford.

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ALETRIS CAPENSIS. WAVED-LEAVED ALETRIS.

Class and Order.

HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

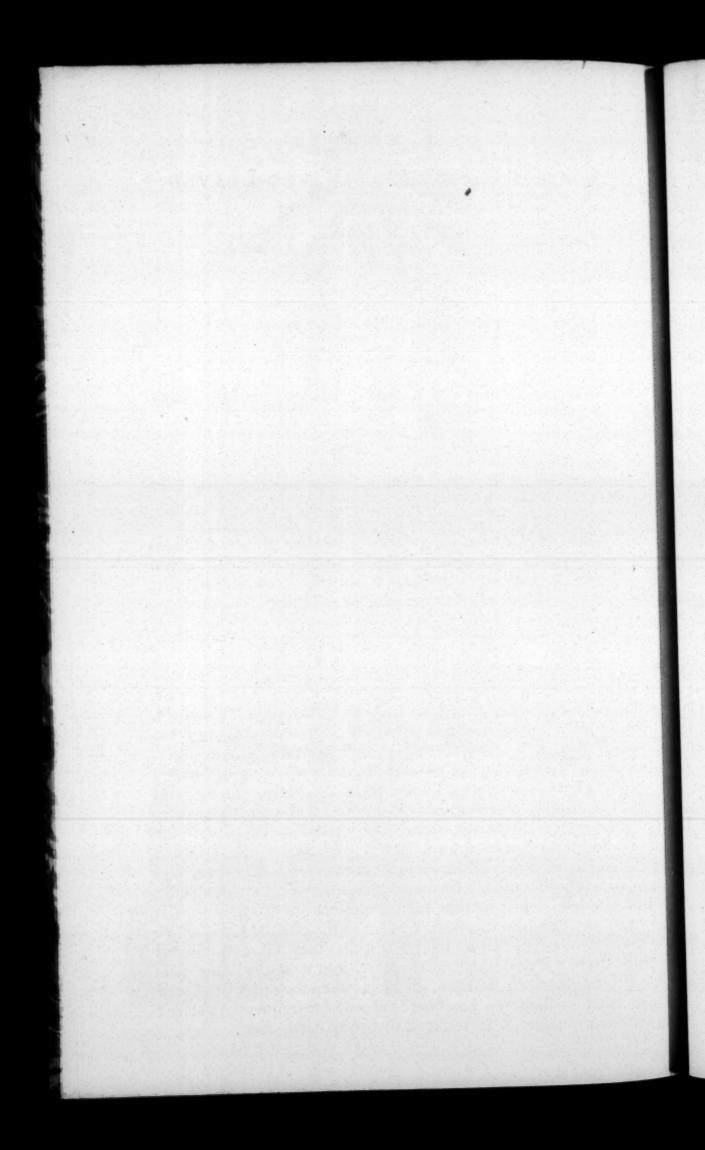
Cor. infundibuliformis. Stamina inferta laciniarum bafi. Capf. 3-locularis.

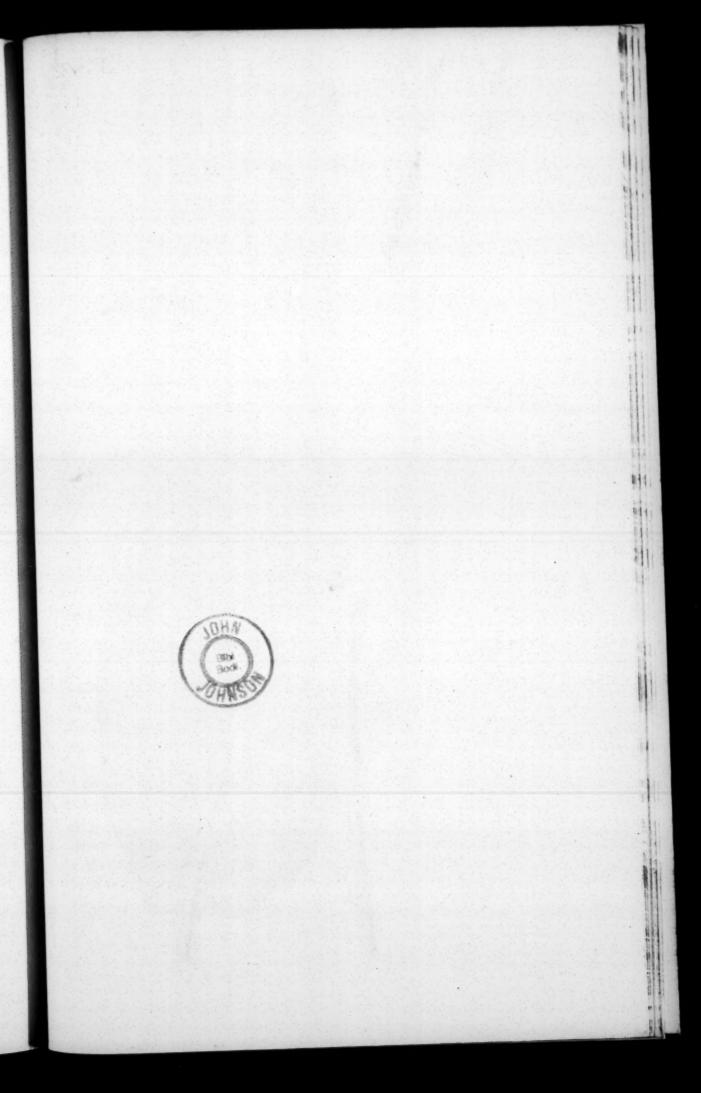
Specific Character and Synonyms.

ALETRIS capensis, acaulis, foliis lanceolatis undulatis, spica ovata, sloribus nutantibus. Linn. Spec. Plant. p. 456. Syst. Veget. Murray, p. 336. Burm. Prod. 10.

VELTHEIMIA viridifolia, foliis lanceolatis plicato-undulatis obtusis, dentibus limbi rotundatis rectis. Linn. Spec. Plant. edit. Willdenow. tom. 2. p. 181. Jacq. Hort. Schoenb. 1. p. 41 t. 78.

The genus Aletris, as established by Linnaus, has, by GLEDITSCH, in the Berlin Transactions for 1771, been divided, and a new genus constructed under the name of Veltheimia, to which this plant belongs. But although this alteration has been adopted by WILLDENOW, in his edition of the Spec. Plant. of LINNEUS, we nevertheless adhere to the old name, by which it has been long known in our gardens, especially as we have had no opportunity of examining with care the capfules of the different species, from some difference in which the distinction is chiefly drawn. It is a native of the Cape of Good Hope; flowers from November to April. So ornamental a plant would probably be more common, were it more eafily propagated; but it neither readily perfects its feeds, nor is it eafily increased by its roots. MILLER directs the bulbs to be planted in pots filled with light earth, that they may be sheltered in October and through the winter, and in a dry, airy glass case, and sparingly watered, till May, when they may be placed abroad in a sheltered situation, and may be frequently watered in warm weather. Introduced in 1768. Ait. Kew.







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HELICONIA PSITTACORUM. PARROT-BEAKED HELICONIA.

Class and Order.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Spathæ. Cal. o. Cor. tripetala. Nectarium diphyllum. Pericarp. tricoccon. Sem. folitaria.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

HELICONIA Psittacorum glabra, foliis lanceolatis ellipticis acuminatis, spathis erectis lanceolatis. Bank's Ms.

HELICONIA Psittacorum foliis caulinis basi rotundatis, spadice terminali slexuoso, spathis lanceolatis, nectario lanceolato concavo integro. Swartz. Obs. 98.

This beautiful stove plant is a native of Jamaica, growing in the mountains, in places cleared of wood, and in this fituation acquires the stature of eight feet, with leaves proportionally large. With us it rifes about three feet, with a straight round polished stem, naked at the upper part and clothed below with smooth shining leaves, alternate lanceolateelliptic acuminated many-nerved, with membranaceous footstalks sheathing the stem. At a more advanced stage than that at which our drawing was taken, the top of the stem becomes flexuous or zig-zag, and from each bend there grows an erect lanceolate concave spatha, within which the flowers grow in clusters upon short peduncles, these remain closed during the function of flowering, opening only just before they fall. The Corolla, properly speaking, is monopetalous, the whole falling off in one piece; if carefully examined it divides into five fegments, the three outermost of which are usually described as the three petals of the corolla; the two innermost form what,

what, in this family of plants, LINNEUS calls the nectary. The two superior segments of the corolla are nearly linear, and are firmly attached above half way along the back of the nectary; the lower one is like the upper, but more deeply grooved, embracing the edges of the nectary, from which it separates nearly to the base. The Nectary consists chiefly of one boat-shaped sharp pointed segment, the edges of which are folded together, enclosing the stamens and style, and opening only a little way below the point to allow of the exit of the anthers and stigma: within this is likewise included. quite concealed from the eye, the fecond fegment of the nectary, which is very small, spatulate, somewhat concave, and is attached at its back to the lower part of the inferior fegment of the corolla; this small part is common to the genus and also to Strelitzia, and is supposed by Jussieu to be the rudiment of a fixth stamen. The Stamens are five. The Filaments, which are the length of the nectary, are inferted at its extreme base, and are curved at their lower end. The Anthers are formed in a fingular manner: the filament is expanded into a membrane at the upper part, and the edges being doubled in, contain within this fold a white pollen of a large fize. The Germen is obtufely three-cornered, contains three cells, and one feed in each cell. The Style is the length of the stamens. The Stigma small, downy, and hooked.

Our plant appears to be the same as that described by SWARTZ, but perhaps differs from the Heliconia Psittacorum of the Supplementum Plantarum. Could it be satisfactorily determined that the two species are distinct, this name, by right of priority, belongs to the other, and our's ought to have a new one; but from the many errors in the work of the younger Linneus, we are led to mistrust his description: until, therefore, the whole genus shall be better understood, we think it right to retain the name, as adopted by SWARTZ, rather than to run the risk of increasing the consustion by

changing it.

Our drawing was made from a plant which flowered in August 1800, amidst a great variety of beautiful and rare exotics, in the superb collection of E. D. WOODFORD, Esq. at Vauxhall*.

It is increased by offsets from the roots, and requires a treatment similar to the Strelitzia.—S.

^{*} It flowered likewise at the same time at JAMES ROBINSON'S, Esq. at Stockwell.

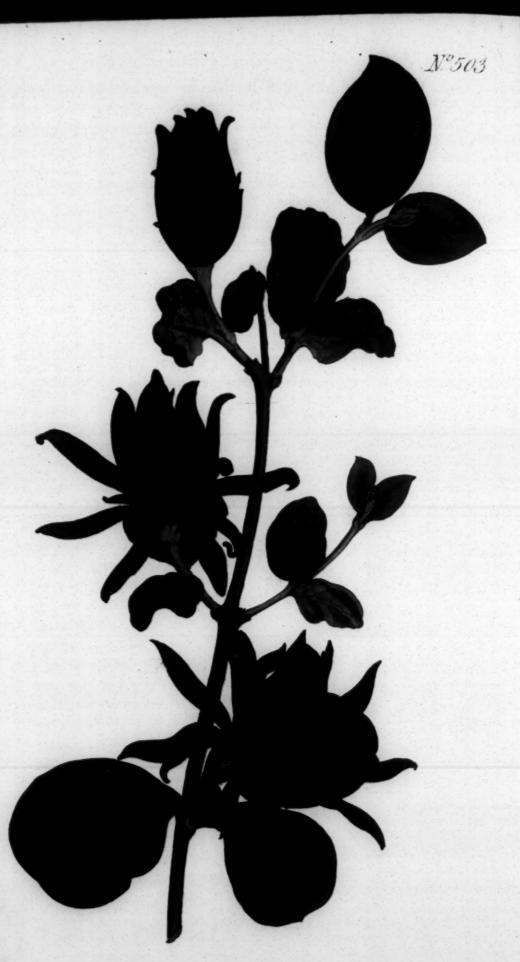


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CALYCANTHUS FLORIDUS. CAROLINA ALLSPICE.



Class and Order.

ICOSANDRIA POLYGYNIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 1-phyllus, urceolatus, squarrosus: foliolis coloratis. Cor. calycina. Styli plurimi stigmate glanduloso. Sem. plurima, caudata intra calycem succulentum.

Specific Character and Synonyms.

CALYCANTHUS floridus petalis interioribus longioribus. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 3. p. 718. Ait. Kew. v. 2. p. 220.

BUTNERIA anemones flore. Duham. arb. 1. p. 114. t. 45. BASTERIA foliis ovatis acuminatis, caule fruticoso. Mill. Diet. t. 60.

BEURERIA petalis coriaceis oblongis, calycis foliolis reflexis.

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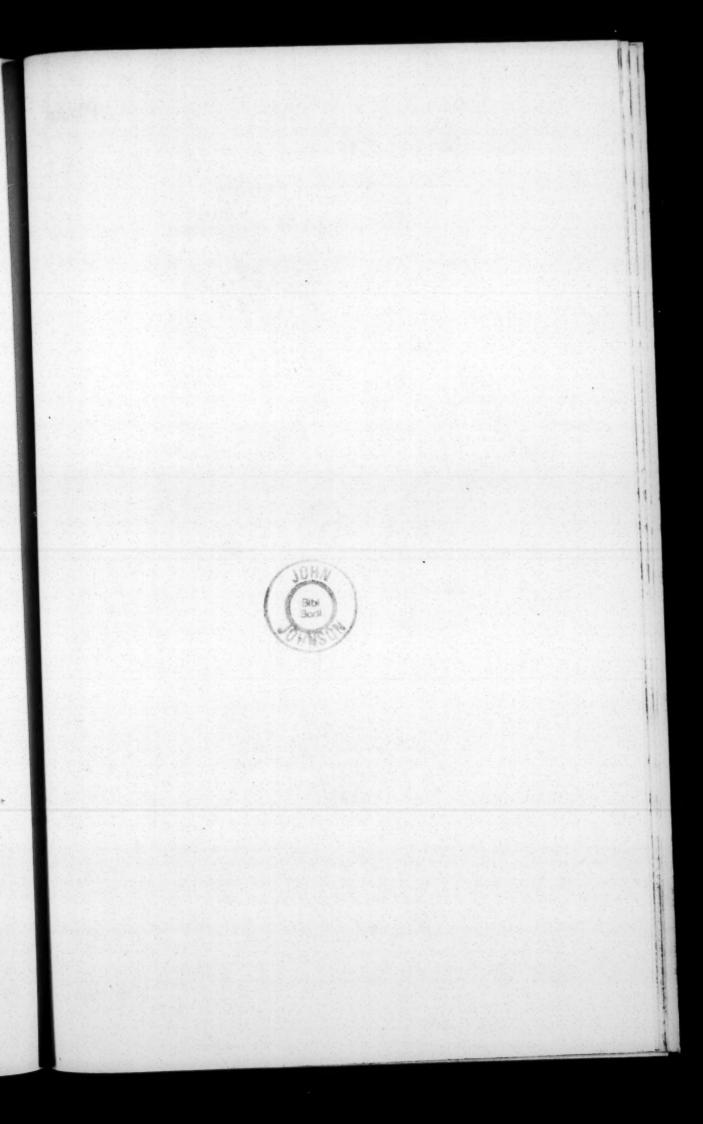
FRUTEX corni foliis, floribus instar anemones stillatæ, petalis crassis rigidis colore sordide rubente, cortice aromatico. Catesb. Carol. 1. p. 46. 1. 46.

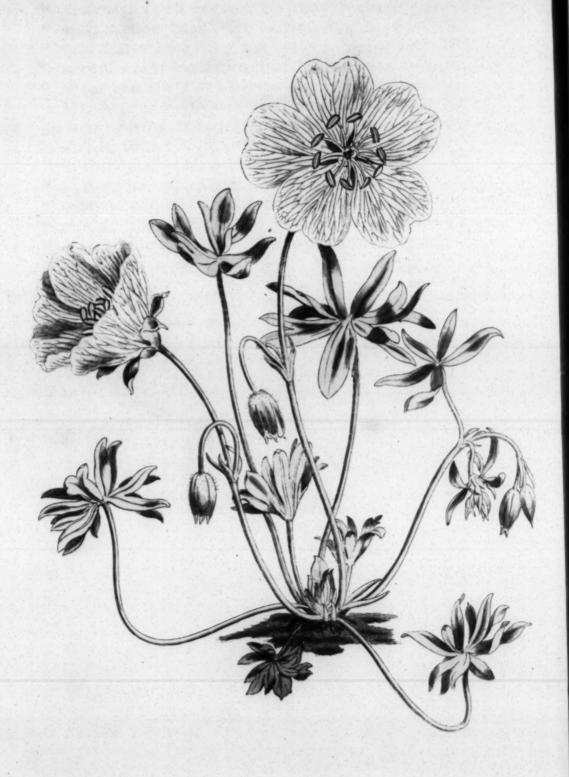
The Calycanthus floridus is a spreading, deciduous, hardy shrub of low growth, seldom rising above the height of sour or five feet, producing numerous slowers from May to August, singular in their form, colour, and scent, the latter Mr. MILLER describes as disagreeable, contrary to the general opinion; the bark has a very strong aromatic odour, whence the inhabitants of Carolina gave it the title of Allspice; it varies in the form of its leaves, hence two varieties of it are enumerated in the Hort. Kew. of Mr. AITON, 1 foliis oblongis, 2 foliis subrotundo-ovatis.

"Mr. CATESBY, who first introduced it into the English gardens in 1726, procured it from the country, some hundred miles on the back of Charles-Town in Carolina. It was very scarce here till about the year 1757, when many plants were brought from Carolina, having been greatly increased in the gardens near Charles-Town." Mill. Dist.

Mr. MILLER gave it the name of Basteria, in honour of his very worthy friend Dr. Job Baster, under which name it is to be found in his own editions of his Dictionary.

"It is usually propagated by laying down the young branches in Autumn, which will take root in one year, before which itime they should not be transplanted; when taken from the mother plant they should be set where they are intended to remain, for they do not bear transplanting well after they are grown to any fize; when the branches are laid they should be covered yearly with rotten tan to keep out the frost; when the layers are transplanted the ground should to be covered with mulch, to prevent its becoming too dry, and watered in dry weather, but not too abundantly." Mill. Dist.





GERANIUM ARGENTEUM. SILVER-LEAV'D CRANE'S-BILL.

Class and Order.

MONADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

Generic Character.

Cal. 5-phyllus. Cor. 5-petala, regularis. Nett. glandulæ 5-melliferæ, basi longiorum silamentorum adnatæ. Fruttus 5-coccus rostratus; rostra simplicia nuda (nec spiralia nec barbata).

Specific Character and Synonyms.

GERANIUM argenteum pedunculis bisloris, foliis subpeltatis septempartitis trisidis tomentoso sericeis, petalis emarginatis. Linn. Syst. Veget. ed. 14. Murr. p. 617. Sp. Pl. ed. 3. p. 954.

GERANIUM argenteum alpinum. Baub. Pin. 318.

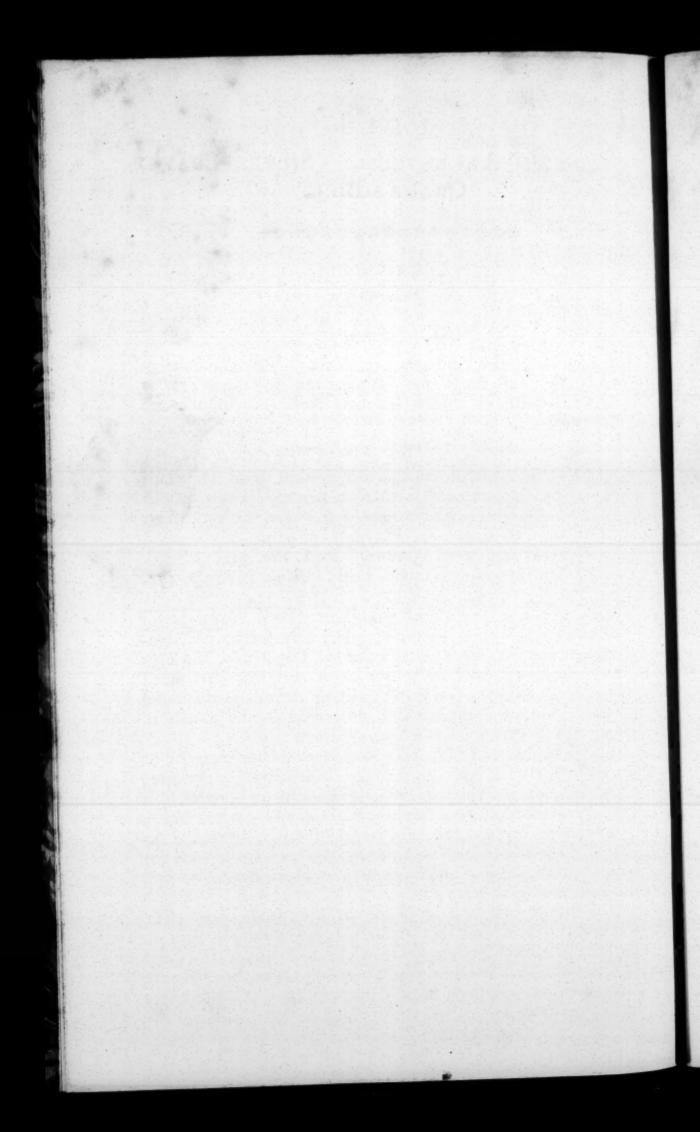
GERANIUM argenteum montis baldi. Baub. Hist. 3 p. 474.

This extremely rare, beautiful, and hardy species of Geranium, we obtained a few years since of Mr. Loddes, Nurseryman, of Hackney, who we believe was the first that introduced it from Germany. It is one of the many curious plants found on the summit of Mount Baldus, celebrated in the annals of Botany for its choice vegetable productions.

It is distinguished from all our other hardy Geraniums by its filvery soliage; its slowers are large, and extremely delicate; taken altogether, when it grows and blossoms in perfection, it may be regarded as one of the most desirable of the alpine tribes.

It bloffoms in June and July, and with us at Brompton has ripened its feeds, though in no great number; from these the plant may be raised, as also by parting its roots, but the former is the preferable mode.

It fucceeds best kept in a pot of light sandy bog earth, taking care that it does not suffer through want of water in summer, nor from having too much in the winter; we need scarcely add, that so rare a plant, growing naturally in so pure an atmosphere, requires, as it deserves, more than ordinary care to preserve it.



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